PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER

of

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

OF CANADA

1951

NINETY-THIRD

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GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

PROCEEDINGS

AN ESPECIAL CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA AS HELD IN THE MASONIC HALL, KEMPTVILLE, ONTARIO, ON MONDAY THE EIGHTH DAY OF MAY, 1950, A. INV. 2480.

PRESENT

M. Ex. Comp. Clarence MacLeod Pitts ..... Grand Z. } Grand Council
R. Ex. Comp. F. A. McDiarmid ..... Grand H. } Grand Council
R. Ex. Comp. J .A. M. Taylor ..... Grand J. } Grand Council

R. Ex. Comp. Fred J. Johnson ..... Grand Scribe E.
R. Ex. Comp. C. D. Beckett ..... Grand Scribe N.
R. Ex. Comp. L. B. Gillespie ..... Grand Treasurer
R. Ex. Comp. C. J. Lazerte ..... Grand Chaplain
R. Ex. Comp. H. W. Aunger ..... Grand Prin. Soj.
R. Ex. Comp. M. L. Perry ..... Grand Sr. Soj.
R. Ex. Comp. E. A. Cook ..... Grand Jr. Soj.
R. Ex. Comp. H. E. Meadd ..... Grand Organist
R. Ex. Comp. C. A. Markell ..... Grand Supt. No. 12
R. Ex. Comp. C. A. Bailey ..... Grand Supt. No. 13
R. Ex. Comp. L. V. Wood ..... Grand D. of C.
Comp. Hugh McCabe ..... Outer Guard

and the following assisting:—

V. Ex. Comp., Humphrey
V. Ex. Comp. Howie
V. Ex. Comp. Flatters
Ex. Comp. McLeod

Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form at 8.45 p.m. when the Grand First Principal announced that the Especial Convocation had been called for the purpose of Dedicating the Chapter Room for Maitland Chapter, No. 68 Royal Arch Masons of Kemptville, Ontario.

The Ceremony being concluded the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal closed Grand Chapter at 10.45 P.M.

Fred. J. Johnson.

Grand Scribe E.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

PROCEEDINGS

AN ESPECIAL CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA WAS HELD IN THE MASONIC HALL, TILLSONBURG, ONTARIO, ON TUESDAY THE TENTH DAY OF OCTOBER A.D. 1950, A. INV. 2480.

PRESENT

M. Ex. Comp. Clarence MacLeod Pitts ..... Grand Z.
R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw ..... Grand H.
R. Ex. Comp. J. A. M. Taylor ..... Grand J.
} Grand Council

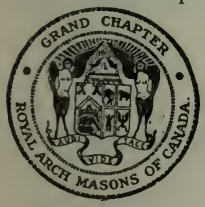
M. Ex. Comp. Fred Dean ..... Grand Treasurer
R. Ex. Comp. Fred J. Johnson ..... Grand Scribe E.
R. Ex. Comp. Elmer M. Woolcock ..... Grand Scribe N.
R. Ex. Comp. Victor L. Mutton ..... Grand Prin. Soj.
R. Ex. Comp. F. Bond ..... as Grand Sr. Soj.
R. Ex. Comp. Thomas Camelford ..... as Grand Jr. Soj.
R. Ex. Comp. Rev. Charles H. MacDonald ..... Grand Chaplain
R. Ex. Comp. W. B. Stothers ..... Grand D. of C.
R. Ex. Comp. Francis MacD. Reid ..... Grand Supt.
Comp. George H. Scott ..... at Grand Outer Guard

and the following assisting:

R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Parker
R. Ex. Comp. R. N. McElhinney
R. Ex. Comp. Lester Jackson
R. Ex. Comp. Charles Pepper
R. Ex. Comp. L. B. Boyle
R. Ex. Comp. A. Cavanagh
R. Ex. Comp. Willard Butler
R. Ex. Comp. J. L. Churchill
V. Ex. Comp. Morley Spera
V. Ex. Comp. C. J. Sharp
V. Ex. Comp. Alex Wishart
Ex. Comp. T. H. Leslie
Ex. Comp. Fred M. Smith
Ex. Comp. Vernon Ryerse
R. Ex. Comp. Robert Clark
R. Ex. Comp. John Lee
R. Ex. Comp. Joe Carson

Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form at 9.00 P.M. when the Grand First Principal announced that the Especial Convocation had been called for the purpose of Dedicating the Chapter Room for Tillsonburg Chapter No. 255 Royal Arch Masons of Tillsonburg, Ontario, also the presentation of the Charter.

The Ceremony being concluded the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal closed Grand Chapter at 11.15 P.M.



Fred. J. Johnson.

Grand Scribe E.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

PROCEEDINGS

AN ESPECIAL CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA WAS HELD IN THE MASONIC HALL, SHELBOURNE, ONTARIO, ON WEDNESDAY THE EIGHTH DAY OF NOVEMBER A.D. 1950, A. INV. 2480.

PRESENT

M. Ex. Comp. Clarence MacLeod Pitts ..... Grand Z.
M. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden ..... Grand H.
R. Ex. Comp. J. A. M. Taylor ..... Grand J.
} Grand Council

M. Ex. Comp. R. V. Conover ..... Grand Treasurer
R. Ex. Comp. Fred J. Johnson ..... Grand Scribe E.
R. Ex. Comp. Elmer M. Woolcock ..... Grand Scribe N.
R. Ex. Comp. Victor L. Mutton ..... Grand Prin. Soj.
R. Ex. Comp. Rev. Charles H. MacDonald ..... Grand Chaplain
R. Ex. Comp. F. Carl Ackert ..... Grand Supt.
V. Ex. Comp. Melville S. Gooderham ..... Grand D. of C.
R. Ex. Comp. W. E. Gardner ..... as Grand Sr. Soj.
V. Ex. Comp. W. G. McClure ..... as Grand Jr. Soj.
Comp. Robinson ..... as Grand Organist
Comp. Harry Francis ..... as Grand Outer Guard

and the following assisting:

R. Ex. Comp. L. Hewson
R. Ex. Comp. Orton T. Walker
R. Ex. Comp. Fred Edwards
R. Ex. Comp. R. M. Finlay
R. Ex. Comp. R. N. McElhinney
R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Price
Ex. Comp. W. Boyle
Ex. Comp. Paul Vorvis
Ex. Comp. F. O. Abbott
Ex. Comp. C. Cheyne
R. Ex. Comp. Allan Mason
R. Ex. Comp. R. G. Barton
R. Ex. Comp. James A. Robertson
V. Ex. Comp. R. W. Hall
V. Ex. Comp. H. Spratt
V. Ex. Comp. Malcolm
Ex. Comp. Geo. Macdonell
Ex. Comp. John Sheard

Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form at 9.00 P.M. when the Grand First Principal announced that the Especial Convocation had been called for the purpose of Dedicating the Chapter Room for Prince Edward Chapter No. 218 Royal Arch Masons of Shelburne, Ontario.

The Ceremony being concluded the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal closed Grand Chapter at 11.00 P.M.

Fred. J. Johnson.

Grand Scribe E.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

PROCEEDINGS

AN ESPECIAL CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA WAS HELD IN THE MASONIC HALL, CALEDONIA, ONTARIO, ON THURSDAY THE NINTH DAY OF NOVEMBER A.D. 1950, A. INV. 2480.

PRESENT

M. Ex. Comp. Clarence MacLeod Pitts ..... Grand Z. } Grand Council
R. Ex. Comp. Robert Clark ..... Grand H. } Grand Council
R. Ex. Comp. J. A. M. Taylor ..... Grand J. } Grand Council
R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett ..... Grand Treasurer
R. Ex. Comp. Fred J. Johnson ..... Grand Scribe E.
R. Ex. Comp. Elmer M. Woolcock ..... Grand Scribe N.
R. Ex. Comp. Thomas Camelford ..... Grand Prin. Soj.
R. Ex. Comp. John Lee ..... Grand Chaplain
R. Ex. Comp. George Pepper ..... Grand Supt.
R. Ex. Comp. Wm. E. Gardner ..... Grand D. of C.
V. Ex. Comp. L McDougal ..... Grand Sr. Soj.
V. Ex. Comp. Chas. Clayton ..... Grand Jr. Soj.
Comp. Percy Young ..... Grand Outer Guard

and the following assisting:

Ex. Comp. J. Turnbull
Ex. Comp. Jas. Logie
Ex. Comp. Geo. Lambert
Ex. Comp. William Dixon
Ex. Comp.E. C. McCallagh
Ex. Comp. B. Lankester
Ex. Comp. B. Britton
Ex. Comp. J. Renfrew
Ex. Comp. Fred Eastwood

Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form at 8.50 P.M. when the Grand First Principal announced that the Especial Convocation had been called for the purpose of Dedicating the Chapter Room for Caledonia Chapter No. 263 Royal Arch Masons of Caledonia, Ontario.

The Ceremony being concluded the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal closed Grand Chapter at 10.45 P.M.

Fred. J. Johnson.

Grand Scribe E.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

PROCEEDINGS

AN ESPECIAL CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA WAS HELD IN THE MASONIC HALL, WHITEHORSE, YUKON TERRITORIES, ON WEDNESDAY THE SEVENTEENTH DAY OF JANUARY A.D. 1951, A. INV. 2481.

PRESENT

R. Ex. Comp. John Alexander MacDonald Taylor ..... Acting Grand Z. Grand Council

R. Ex. Comp. Fred J. Johnson ..... Grand Scribe E.
Ex. Comp. E. W. Steeves ..... Acting Grand Scribe N.
Comp. Thomas Nelson ..... Acting Grand Chaplain
Comp. R. G. Lee ..... Acting Grand Prin. Soj.
Comp. J. B. Watson ..... Acting Grand D. of C.
Ex. Comp. A. Burnside ..... Acting Grand Supt.
Comp. H. W. Challand ..... Acting Grand Outer Guard

and the following assisting:

Comp. J. Reid
Comp. W. Abernethy
Comp. L. Myers
Comp. E. M. Jensen
Comp. W. D. Coutts
Comp. H. W. Hadland
Comp. John Cambridge

Grand Chapter was opened in Form at 9.15 P.M. when the Grand Third Principal announced that the Especial Convocation had been called for the purpose of Dedicating the Chapter Room for Yukon Chapter No. 256 Royal Arch Masons of Whitehorse Yukon Territories, also the presentation of the Charter.

The Ceremony being concluded the Right Excellent the Grand Third Principal closed Grand Chapter at 11.15 P.M.

Fred. J. Johnson.

Grand Scribe E.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

PROCEEDINGS

AN ESPECIAL CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL MASONS OF CANADA WAS HELD IN THE MASONIC HALL, BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO, ON MONDAY THE NINTH DAY OF APRIL A.D. 1951, A. INV. 2481.

PRESENT

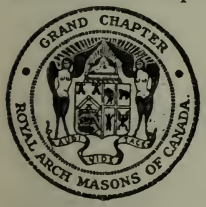
M. Ex. Comp. Clarence MacLeod Pitts ..... Grand Z. } Grand Council
R. Ex. Comp. John Loftus House ..... Grand H. } Grand Council
R. Ex. Comp. John A. M. Taylor ..... Grand J. } Grand Council
R. Ex. Comp. J. W. Kinnear ..... Grand Treasurer
R. Ex. Comp. Fred J. Johnson ..... Grand Scribe E.
R. Ex. Comp. Elmer M. Woolcock ..... Grand Scribe N.
R. Ex. Comp. Gordon W. Bailey ..... Grand Supt.
V. Ex. Comp. Frank Walker ..... Grand Chaplain
R. Ex. Comp. Victor Mutton ..... Grand Prin. Soj.
R. Ex. Comp. Everett C. Wood ..... Grand Sr. Soj.
R. Ex. Comp. M. Roy Anderson ..... Grand Jr. Soj.
R. Ex. Comp. Bruce Smith ..... Grand D. of C.
V. Ex. Comp. Don Hyndman ..... Grand Pursuivant
Ex. Comp. Bob White ..... Grand Outer Guard
Ex. Comp. W. P. Youdale ..... Grand Organist

and the following assisting:

R. Ex. Comp. Robert N. McElhinney
R. Ex. Comp. Frank Chester
R. Ex. Comp. T. W. Solmes
R. Ex. Comp. Charles Letman
R. Ex. Comp. Harvey Milne
R. Ex. Comp. Kenneth S. Clark
R. Ex. Comp. G. Watson
V. Ex. Comp. R. E. Houston
Ex. Comp. H. Burke
Ex. Comp. T. C. Lloyd
Ex. Comp. F. R. J. Cooey
Ex. Comp. R. J. Virign
R. Ex. Comp. Lloyd B. Gillespie
R. Ex. Comp. Sherman Cooper
R. Ex. Comp. A. E. Holmes
R. Ex. Comp. W. Brady
R. Ex. Comp. J. A. Phillips
R. Ex. Comp. N. M. Sprague
V. Ex. Comp. Ray MacFadden
Ex. Comp. T. H. L. Payne
Ex. Comp. G. E. Mason
Ex. Comp. W. C. Hogeboom
Ex. Comp. Ivan Caldwell
Ex. Comp. T. H. Burgis

Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form at 8.15 P.M. when the Grand First Principal announced that the Especial Convocation had been called for the purpose of Dedicating the Chapter Room for Moira Chapter No. 7 and Quinte Friendship Chapter No. 227, Royal Arch Masons of Belleville, Ontario.

The Ceremony being concluded the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal closed Grand Chapter at 10.30 P.M.



Fred. J. Johnson.

Grand Scribe E.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

PROCEEDINGS

AN ESPECIAL CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA WAS HELD IN THE MASONIC HALL, PARIS, ONTARIO, ON MONDAY THE SIXTEENTH DAY OF APRIL A.D. 1951, A. INV. 2481.

PRESENT

M. Ex. Comp. Clarence MacLeod Pitts ..... Grand Z. } Grand Council
R. Ex. Comp. Alexander G. N. Bradshaw ..... Grand H. } Grand Council
R. Ex. Comp. John A. M. Taylor ..... Grand J. } Grand Council
R. Ex. Comp. W. Bailey Stothers ..... Grand Treasurer
R. Ex. Comp. Fred J. Johnson ..... Grand Scribe E.
R. Ex. Comp. Elmer M. Woolcock ..... Grand Scribe N.
Ex. Comp. R. Douglas MacDonald ..... Grand Chaplain
R. Ex. Comp. Francis M. Reid ..... Grand Supt.
V. Ex. Comp. Melville S. Gooderham ..... Grand D. of C.
R. Ex. Comp. Victor Mutton ..... Grand Prin. Soj.
V. Ex. Comp. Manley Spera ..... Grand Sr. Soj.
V. Ex. Comp. Harold Walker ..... Grand Jr. Soj.
R. Ex. Comp. Thomas Camelford ..... Grand Pursuivant
V. Ex. Comp. S. B. Strickland ..... Grand Organist
Comp. Arthur Sugden ..... Acting Grand Outer Guard

and the following assisting:

R. Ex. Comp. Robrt. N. McElhinney
R. Ex. Comp. Charles Pepper
R. Ex. Comp. F. Carl Ackert
R. Ex. Comp. W. F. Earl
R. Ex. Comp. H. P. Grant
R. Ex. Comp. Bert Stobbs
R. Ex. Comp. Lew Hewson
R. Ex. Comp. Harold Carr
V. Ex. Comp. E. T. Spera
V. Ex. Comp. C. J. Sharpe
R. Ex. Comp. R. W. E. McFadden
R. Ex. Comp. A. Cavanagh
R. Ex. Comp. J. L. Churchill
R. Ex. Comp. Robt. Clark
R. Ex. Comp. Allan Mason
R. Ex. Comp. W. E. Gardner
R. Ex. Comp. W. W. Tough
V. Ex. Comp. Frank Leuty
V. Ex. Comp. H. E. Abell

Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form at 9.00 P.M. when the Grand First Principal announced that the Especial Convocation had been called for the purpose of Dedicating the Chapter Room for Brant Chapter No. 115 Royal Arch Masons of Paris, Ontario.

The Ceremony being concluded the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal closed Grand Chapter at 11.35 P.M.

Fred. J. Johnson.

Grand Scribe E.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

PROCEEDINGS

THE NINETY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA, HELD IN THE KING EDWARD HOTEL, TORONTO, ONTARIO ON APRIL 25th AND 26th, 1951.

M. Ex. Comp. Clarence MacLeod Pitts ..... Grand Z.
R. Ex. Comp. Alexander George Noel Bradshaw ..... Grand H.
R. Ex. Comp. John Alexander McDonald Taylor ..... Grand J.
} Grand Council

PAST GRAND Zs.

Most Ex. Comps. LLewellyn F. Stephens, John M. Burden, Reginald V. E. Conover, Frederick W. Dean, Roderick B. Dargavel.

M. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, K.C. ..... Grand Treasurer
R. Ex. Comp. Fred J. Johnson ..... Grand Scribe E.
R. Ex. Comp. V. Rev. Canon L. F. Crothers ..... Grand Chaplain
R. E. Comp. Elmer M. Woolcock ..... Grand Scribe N.
R. Ex. Comp. Victor L. Mutton ..... Grand Principal Sojourner
V. Ex. Comp. James A. Smith ..... Grand Senior Sojourner
V. Ex. Comp. F. A. R. MacFadden ..... Grand Junior Sojourner
R. Ex. Comp. William H. Parker ..... Grand Registrar
R. Ex. Comp. Wm. S. M. Enouy ..... Grand Lecturer
V. Ex. Comp. Melville Gooderham ..... Grand Director of Ceremonies
V. Ex. Comp. Charles W. Few ..... Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies
V. Ex. Comp. Harold Perkins ..... Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies
V. Ex. Comp. James V. Scrimger ..... Grand Organist
V. Ex. Comp. Hugh Donald Hyndman ..... Grand Pursuivant

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

R. Ex. Comp. Lowell B. Boyle ..... St. Clair District No. 1
R. Ex. Comp. Abraham Cavanagh ..... London District No. 2
R. Ex. Comp. Francis MacD. Reid ..... Wilson District No. 3
R. Ex. Comp. F. Carl Ackert ..... Wellington District No. 4
R. Ex. Comp. Charles Pepper ..... Hamilton District No. 5
R. Ex. Comp. William F. Elliot ..... Huron District No. 6
R. Ex. Comp. Thomas J. Mason ..... Toronto East District No. 8
R. Ex. Comp. William E. Gardner ..... Toronto West District No. 8A
R. Ex. Comp. Hugh D. Russell ..... Georgian District No. 9
R. Ex. Comp. Wm. H. Brady ..... Ontario District No. 10
R. Ex. Comp. Gordon Wm. Bailey ..... Prince Edward District No. 11
R. Ex. Comp. Clinton A. Markell ..... St. Lawrence District No. 12
R. Ex. Comp. Clarence A. Bailey ..... Ottawa District No. 13
R. Ex. Comp. Herbert S. Cade ..... Algoma District No. 14
R. Ex. Comp. Ernest G. Drew ..... New Ontario District No. 15
R. Ex. Comp. Roy A. Bilbrough ..... Temiskaming District No. 16

GRAND CHAPTER OPENED

A Constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the Ninety-Third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in Ample Form at ten o'clock a.m.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The following distinguished guests were introduced by the Grand Director of Ceremonies V. Ex. Comp. M. S. Gooderham.

MANITOBA

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba
Mos Ex. Comp. J. V. Dillabough P.G.Z.

QUEBEC

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec
Most Ex. Comp. Archie E. Dyson, Grand Z
Right Ex. Comp. A. M. Baird, Grand H.

NEW ZEALAND

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Zealand
Right Ex. Comp. N. B. Spencer, Grand J.
Ex. Comp. T. H. Hadfield

CALIFORNIA

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California.
Most Ex. Comp. Angus L. Cavanagh, P.G.H.P. and our Grand Representative near the State of California.

ILLINOIS

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois
Representating Most Ex. Comp. Robert E. McLoud, G.H.P.
our Representative R. Ex. Comp. J. J. Shelley.

MASSACHUSETTS

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts
Most Ex. Comp. William F. Clark, Grand High Priest and Grand Representative of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.
Mos Ex. Comp. Ralph W. Copeland, Past Grand High Priest.

MICHIGAN

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan
Most Ex. Comp. Fred W. Moore, Grand High Priest
Most Ex. Comp. A. M. Burke, Past Grand High Priest

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of New Hampshire
Representing Most Ex. Comp. R. B. Lakeman, G.H.P.
our Representative R. Ex. Comp. N. M. Sprague.

NEW YORK

The Grand Chapter of the State of New York Royal Arch Masons
Rt. Ex. Comp. Cliff A. McDonald, Our Grand Representative near the State of New York.
Rt. Ex. Comp. H. Wilmot Young, Assistant Grand Lecturer.

NORTH CAROLINA

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Carolina
Representing the Most Ex. Grand High Priest, our Representative R. Ex. Comp. A. G. Tipper.

OHIO

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Ohio.
Most Ex. Comp. Anthony T. Vollman, Grand High Priest.
Most Ex. Comp. Henry Gruen, P.G.H.P. and Grand Secy.
Most Ex. Comp. James A. Gorham, P.G.H.P.

PENNSYLVANIA

The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania
Most Ex. Comp. Ralph Walter, Grand High Priest
Most Ex. Comp. Arthur L. Miller, P.G.H.P. and our Grand Representative near the State of Pennsylvania.

VIRGINIA

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Virginia.
Most Ex. Comp. James O. Carson, Grand High Priest

WISCONSIN

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, State of Wisconsi
Rt. Ex. Comp. Oscar E. Peterson, Our Grand Representative near the State of Wisconsin.

GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF ONTARIO

Most Ill. Comp. William T. Wooster, Grand Master

THE ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD OF ONTARIO

Rt. Ex. Comp. Rev. A. S. H. Cree, President.

THE SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA, OF THE UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND MALTA.

Most Em. Sir Knight and Rt. Ex. Comp. John H. Eydt, Supreme Grand Master.

THE SUPREME COUNCIL 33° ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY IN THE DOMINION OF CANADA

Ill. Bro. and Comp. Thomas K. Wade 33° Ill. Deputy for Ontario.

THE GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Most Wor. Bro. and Ex. Comp. James P. Maher, Grand Master
Rt. Wor. Bro. and Comp. Ewart G. Dixon, Grand Secretary.

Grand Honours were then given and an address of welcome was extended by Most Ex. Comp. Clarence McL. Pitts on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

CALL OFF GRAND CHAPTER

The Most Excellent the Grand Z., directed that Grand Chapter be "Called Off" to permit, His Worship the Mayor of the City of Toronto, Brother Hiram E. McCallum to address and extend a Civic Welcome to our Guest and Companions.

His Worship the Mayor of Toronto was presented by the Director of Ceremonies and welcomed by the Grand First Principal and invited to the dais.

His Worship in acknowledging his reception welcomed the members of Grand Chapter to the City of Toronto. "Nothing gives me greater pleasure than that of welcoming Masons to Toronto." The reputation earned by Toronto reflects to a large extent credit on the Masons who have made such valuable contributions to her success. He extended an invitation to Companions to visit the Subway and view the great engineering work entailed, and hoped the return visit of his audience would not be too far away. The Grand Z thanked the Mayor for his kind greetings, and permitted him to retire with the D. of C.

GRAND CHAPTER "CALLED ON."

ROYAL ARCH MASONS WELCOME

Most Ex. Comp. C. M. Pitts, announced:—

"All Royal Arch Masons, in good standing, and properly vouched for, will be made welcome during the Convocation."

The delegates joined in singing the Hymn—

"O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST,"

The Grand Chaplain, V. Ex. Comp. Canon Loring F. Crothers, offered the Invocation:

Followed by a Prayer

O God we beseech Thee to send Thy blessing upon this Convocation. Pour upon us the spirit of fellowship; purify and cleanse us from all that is unworthy of Thy calling. May a sense of duty and responsibility rest upon us as citizens of a peace-loving Country. Guard and protect our soldiers, sailors and airmen in Korea and elsewhere. Give to the Statesmen of the world wisdom that peace may yet be attained and the horrors of war averted. Awaken all to a greater consciousness of Thee that Thy will may be done upon earth as it is in Heaven.

Our Father Who art in Heaven Hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done upon earth as it is Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil for Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory for ever and ever. Amen.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Companions joined in singing of "Abide With Me."

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain, V. Ex. Comp. Canon Loring F. Crothers.

The Souls of the Righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seem to die; and their departure taken for misery and there going from us to be utter destruction, but they are at peace. Wisdom of Solomon, Chapt. 2.

Remember Thy servants O Lord, according to the favour which Thou bearest unto Thy people, and grant that increasing in knowledge and love of Thee, they may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in Thy Heavenly Kingdom. Forgive whatever of evil, bless what ever of good that it may be said of them, "Well done good and faithful servants enter thou into the joy of Thy Lord.' Amen.

The delegates then joined in singing the National Anthem:

"GOD SAVE THE KING"

and

"MY COUNTRY 'TIS OF THEE"

One minute silence was then observed.

PRESENTATION OF LIVING PAST GRAND Z's.

The Grand Z., Most Ex. Comp. Clarence MacLeod Pitts requested the Grand Director of Ceremonies, V. Ex. Comp. M. S. Gooderham to present the living Past Grand Zs. The following were present:

M. Ex. Comp. Llewellyn F. Stephens, K.C., Grand Z., 1939-1940-1942.
M. Ex. Comp. Roderick B. Dargavel, Hon. Grand Z., 1941.
M. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, K.C., Grand Z., 1943-1944.
M. Ex. Comp. Col. Reginald V. E. Conover, O.B.E., Grand Z., 1945-1946.
M. Ex. Comp. Frederick W Dean, Grand Z., 1947-1948.

Most Ex. Comp. Pitts extended a very warm and kindly welcome to the Past Grand Zs and on behalf of Humber Chapter No. 246 Weston, he presented M. Ex. Comp. Roderick B. Dargavel with the 25 Year Past First Principal's Jewel 1926-51, after which Grand Honours were accorded.

TORONTO DISTRICTS 8 and 8A EXTEND WELCOME

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers, and Members of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

On behalf of the Excellent First Principals, Officers and Companions of the twenty-six Chapters comprising the two Toronto Districts, numbers 8 and 8A, a happy privilege is ours in extending

to you a very sincere welcome, and fraternal greetings at this ninety-third Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

To our distinguished guests from Sister Grand Jurisdictions in Canada and the United States, including the representatives from other Masonic bodies, we extend the same fraternal felicitations.

This is the second consecutive Grand Chapter Convocation in Toronto, and while you may find very little change in its architectural appearance, we assure you that progress has by no means been arrested. On the contrary, the development of this City has been such that we have perforce, had to delve into the very bowels of the earth to make way for a great expansion, and while we are making notable progress in material things, so have we advanced in the development of our educational, philanthropic, and religious development. In all of which may be seen the influence of this great community of Craft and Royal Arch Masons, who have their spheres of activity within the confines of this City.

To you Most Excellent Sir, we can only reiterate sentiments expressed to you in the past. Since then it has become more and more apparent that you have, by your splendid leadership during your two years of office, guided the Craft to a safe and happy anchorage. The Toronto Jurisdictions have many happy recollections of your visits.

To all Members of Grand Chapter, Past and Present, and those who will assume new responsibilities, we express to you our sincere thanks for all you have accomplished in the interests of our Royal Craft. We are deeply cognizant that matters of great import will engage your attention. But we have every confidence that these matters will be solved for the advancement of Royal Arch Masonry, and we pray that the Great Jehovah will guide you in your deliberations, and that Peace and Harmony will prevail.

Signed on behalf of the Royal Arch Chapters of Toronto Districts 8 and 8A, this twenty-fifth day of April, Anno Inventionis 2481, Anno Domini, 1951.

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT No. 8

THOS. J. MASON—Grand Superintendent, Toronto East District No. 8
H. CHAPMAN—St. Andrew and St. John Chapter, No. 4 G.R.C., Toronto
WILLIAM KEWN—King Solomon's Chapter, No. 8, G.R.C., Toronto.
W. CLARK—York Chapter, No. 62, G.R.C., Toronto
R. B. SIBBALD—St. Paul's Chapter, No. 65, G.R.C., Toronto.

A. BROWN—Orient Chapter, No. 79, G.R.C., Toronto.
E. K. GAIRMAN—Succoth Chapter, No. 135, G.R.C., Uxbridge.
ALFRED COLWELL—The St. Patrick Chapter, No. 145, G.R.C., Toronto.
T. MIDDLETON—The Beaches Chapter, No. 163, G.R.C., Toronto.
R. A. MARSH—Victoria Chapter, No. 205, G.R.C., Thornhill.
JAS. TURNBULL—St. Alban's Chapter, No. 217, G.R.C., Toronto
FRED H. CARTER—Beaver Chapter, No. 225, G.R.C., Toronto.
C. A. C. GUNTON—Aurora Chapter, No. 235, G.R.C., Aurora.
H. S. BIGGS—University Chapter, No. 241, G.R.C., Toronto.

L. A. WOOLGER,
District Secretary.

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT No. 8A

W. E. GARDNER—Grand Superintendent, Toronto West District, No. 8A
W. H. SHEARER—Occident Chapter, No. 77, G.R.C., Toronto.
CHAS G. LITHERLAND—Toronto-Antiquity Chapter, No. 91, G.R.C., Toronto.
ERNEST E. DOBSON—Shekinah Chapter, No. 138, G.R.C., Toronto.
J. A. McCLEAVE—Peel Chapter, No. 195, G.R.C., Brampton.
HAROLD HANDS—Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 212, G.R.C., Toronto.
A. E. SHELLEY—Mimico Chapter, No. 215, G.R.C., Toronto.
J. SYMES—Ulster Chapter, No. 219, G.R.C., Toronto.
A. A. BECKETT—Lebanon Chapter, No. 220, G.R.C., Lambton Mills.
CHAS. E. FALARDEAU—Port Credit Chapter, No. 230, G.R.C., Toronto.
JAMES A. CODE—The St. Clair Chapter, No. 231, G.R.C., Toronto.
H. McALLISTER—King Cyrus Chapter, No. 232, G.R.C., Toronto.
W. J. HANNAH—Oakwood Chapter, No. 233, G.R.C., Toronto.
HAROLD J. REES—Humber Chapter, No. 246, G.R.C., Weston.

FRANK E. JOHNSON,
District Secretary.

Most Ex. Comp. Clarence MacL. Pitts acknowledged the welcome from the Toronto Districts 8 and 8A and assured the Superintendents that he appreciated their efforts and contribution to Royal Arch Masonry in their Districts, the Grand Z greeted the First Principals of the Chapters present and gave a special greeting to the two District Secretaries.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES, 1950

The Grand Scribe E. commenced reading the minutes of the Proceedings of the Ninety-Second Annual Convocation, held in the City of Toronto, when it was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. J. A. M. Taylor, and—

Resolved,—"That as the Proceedings of the last Annual Convocation, held Wednesday and Thursday, April 26 and 27, 1950, have been printed and copies thereof sent to all the Chapters in this Jurisdiction, the recorded Minutes be considered as read, and the same is now confirmed."

ORDER OF BUSINESS

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, and seconded by R. Ex. Comp. J. A. M. Taylor, and—

Resolved,—"That the Order of Business of this Grand Convocation be changed at the discretion of the Grand Z."

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

R. Ex. Comp. James W. Woodland, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, reported that there are 155 Warranted Chapters on the Roll of Grand Chapter, of which 136 Chapters were represeted by the following:—

No. 1 *Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, Kingston*
T. H. L. Payne, Z.; R. S. Walker, J.; H. J. Milne, L. M. Armstrong, P.Z's.

No. 2 *The Hiram, Hamilton.*
W. A. Scobbie, Z.; W. A. Wilton, H.; E. B. Davis, R. Buchanan, J. H. Forbes, J. C. Leith, P.Z's.

No. 3 *St, John's London.*
Edgar W. Hall, P.Z. (Proxy)

No. 4 *St. Andrew and St. John, Toronto.*
Robert N. McElhinney, P.Z. (Proxy) T. E. Peck, W. F. Eccles, G. G. Garnett, Victor L. Mutton, G. G. Sheppard, G. W. Slack, James Bain, P.Z's.

No. 5 *St. George's London.*
William T. Newman, Z.; W. B. Stothers, A. Cavanagh, A. C. Folmer, C. W. Few, Harry E. Abell, P.Z's.

No. 6 *St. John's, Hamilton.*
G. W. Britton, P.Z. (Proxy); C. Pepper, J. H. Eydt, J. E. Grady, W. G. Smitton, C. R. Lloyd, P.Z's.

No. 7 *The Moira, Belleville, Ont.*
Stanley H. Lennox, Z.; E. C. Wood, R. E. Houston, P.Z's.

No. 8 *King Solomon's, Toronto.*
W. Kewn, Z.; William Holywell, F. J. Johnson, A. T. Lewis, Le Roy DeWitt, D. L. Munro, Elmer Woolcock, A. Carwithen, A. L. Tinker, S. J. Hutchinson, W. H. Hoare, P.Z's.

No. 15 *Wawanosh, Sarnia.*
W. J. Southcombe, Z.; W. T. Crisp, P.Z.

No. 16 *Carleton, Ottawa.*
William J. Neville, Z.; F. A. McDiarmid, L. B. Gillespie, L. F. Crothers, P.Z's.

No. 18 *Oxford, Woodstock.*
Alexander Wishart, J. Hibner, W. J. Ratz, P.Z's.

No. 19 *Mount Moriah, St. Catharines.*
C. M. Porter, Z.; J. A. Simmers, James Dickie, P.Z's.

No. 20 *Mount Horeb, Brantford.*
H. L. Flood, Z.; C. J. Sharpe, P.Z.

No. 22 *Grenville, Prescott.*
J. A. Payton, P.Z. (Proxy).

No. 23 *Ezra, Simcoe.*
F. M. Reid, W. Bradfield, Wm. Johnston, P.Z's.

No. 26 *St. Mark's, Trenton.*
A. D. McIntyre, N. M. Sprague, J. A. Pow, P.Z's.

No. 27 *Manitou, Collingwood.*
B. M. Conron, Z.; M. A. Jones, H.; R. H. Davidson, G. H. Finn, P.Z's.

No 28 *Pentalpha, Oshawa.*
J. F. Riley, Z.; D. Ross, H. O. Flintoff, N. W. Purdy, P.Z.'s.

No. 29 *McCallum, Dunnville.*
A. W. Dayman, Z.; O. M. Krick, C. I. Lundy, Jas. Reichel, Thomas Camelford, J. N. Allan, O. A. Sundy, W. M. Gray, F H. Howe, W. J. Griffith, E. C. McCullagh, James Loggie, A. L. Norton, John Sebben, P.Z's.

No. 31 *Prince Edward, Picton.*
G. E. Mason, Z.

No. 32 *Waterloo, Galt.*
James Weepers, Z.; G. Johnson, H.; James McHoul, J.; F. C. Ackert, W. S. Boyle, H. R. Baer, P.Z.'s.

No 35 *Keystone, Whitby.*
H. F. Elms, Z.; R. J. Corner, R. A. Sennett.

No. 36 *Corinthian, Peterboro.*
N. H. Hewitt, H.; C. A. Sollitt, J. Dishart, J. E. Girven, D. D. Brown, F. G. Mann, E. W Edmondson, R. S. Cotton, P.Z's.

No. 37 *Victoria, Port Hope.*
C. P. McElroy, Z.; E. A. Hircock, S. N. Haskill, H. Inch, D. C. Davey, P.Z's.

No. 40 *Guelph, Guelph.*
J. A. Robertson, P.Z. (Proxy); C. E. Morgan, R. M. Finlay, F. Radcliffe, W. J. VanNorman, P.Z's.

No 41 *Harris, Ingersoll*
Ben Sheldon, Z.; E. A. Webber, L. L. Mansfield, A. W. Huntley, P. V. L. Pedolin, P.Z's.

No. 44 *Mount Sinai, Napanee*
Wallace Hogeboom, Z.; A. E. Holmes, A. V. Roy, P.Z's.

No. 45 *Excelsior, Colborne*
A. Wolfraim, P.Z.

No. 46 *St. James, St. Mary's*
A. Dell, P.Z.

No. 47 *Wellington, Chatham*
L. H. Veale, P.Z. (Proxy); J. M. Reid, W. C. Lewies, P.Z's.

No. 48 *St. John's, Cobourg.*
H. J. Cooey, Z.; F. L. Searancke, J.; H. O. Taylor, W. S. Cooper, J. M. Harrison, P.Z's

No 53 *Bruce, Petrolia.*
L. A. McIlwraith, Z.; J. Hackett, A. S. McLean, H. D. Sherrin, D. W. Duncan, P.Z's.

No. 54 *Palestine, St. Thomas.*
E. J. Gellately, Z.

No. 55 *Niagara, Niagara-on-the-Lake*
E. Chase, Z.

No. 56 *Georgian, Owen Sound*
R. V. Garbutt, C. J. Baxendale, P.Z's.

No. 57 *King Hiram, Port Colborne.*
C. G. Carter, P.Z. (Proxy)

No. 59 *Sussex-St. Lawrence, Brockville.*
C. H. Orr, Z.

No. 62 *York, Toronto.*
W. Clark, Z.; D. B. Young, J.; W. J. Cook, E. Mealing, S. H. Tonkin, W. Grierson, J. P. Maher, S. Clark, F E. Grose, H. G. Gaskon, C. M. Platten, P.Z's.

No. 63 *Havelock, Kincardine.*
J. W. McFadyen, H.

No. 64 *Willson, Welland.*
Gordon Brown, Z.; G. W. Curtis, H.; N. L. Smith, J.; J. G. Frame, C. E. Griffin, L. R. Brennan, T. Baxter, N. J. Penwarden, P.Z's.

No. 65 *St. Paul's, Toronto*
R. P. Sibbald, Z.; A. E. Hanna, H.; M. G. Creswick, J.; H. G. Robb, M. S. Gooderham, C. B. Parker, T. W. Dawson, C. Kilner, E. Montgomery, A. R. Jackson, P.Z's.

No. 66 *The Malloch, Seaforth.*
M. E. Clarke, Z.; J. Doig, H.

No. 67 *Enterprise, Palmerston.*
J. H. Wills, Z.; A. McGugan, H.; D. A. Cox, J. F. Edwards, T. Morris, W. Scrimgeour, H F. Wismer, J. Farquharson, P.Z's.

No. 68 *Maitland, Kemptville.*
L. G. Coleman, Z.; H. D. Hyndman, P.Z.

No. 69 *Grimsby, Grimsby.*
Albert Jarvis, P.Z.

No. 71 *Prince of Wales, Amherstburg.*
J. W. D. Wilson, Z.;R. C. Brushett, P.Z.

No. 72 *Keystone, Stirling.*
Ivan Caldwell, Z.; G. W. Bailey, J. S. Whitehead, P.Z's.

No. 73 *Erie, Ridgetown*
J. D. Tinline, Z.; H. Childs, P.Z.

No. 75 *St. Clair, Milton.*
F. Haywood, Z.; W. J. Rowney, C. W. Clarke, Edwin Harrop, P.Z's.

No. 76 *Mount Nebo, Niagara Falls*
C. H. Sheppard, P.Z. (Proxy); G. E. French, F. W. Gregory, C. L. Leys, P.Z's

No 77 *Occident, Toronto.*
William Shearer, Z.; D. Falconer, H.; E. K. Hogaboom, J.; S. G. Newdick, R. Falconer, J. M. Burden, Chas. Clayton, S. E. Solley, H. P. Hopkinson, C. W. Emmett, J. T. Gilchrist, J. A. Prince, W. F. Damp, Harold Smith, W. G. Varty, James Woodland, J. E Jenkins, P.Z's.

No. 79 *Orient, Toronto*
A. Brown, Z.; A. H. Smith, J.; L. L. Querie, J. W. Wright, W. Scott, A. H. Jones, R. V. Edge, P.Z's.

No. 80 *Ark, Windsor.*
F. N. Heuchan, P.Z. (Proxy); W. E. Tregenza, P.Z.

No. 81 *Aylmer, Aylmer.*
Basil Learn, Z.; H. P. Grant, Gerald Marshall, P.Z's.

No. 82 *Shuniah, Port Arthur.*
T. Bonthron, Z.

No. 83 *Ionic, Orangeville.*
B. T. Parkinson, H.; G. M. Thompson, M. W. McLean, A. H. Woodland, W. J. Price, W. M. Curry, A. W. Gillespie, A. L. Hartmier, P.Z's.

No. 84 *Lebanon, Wingham.*
R. A. Coutts, Z.; R. M. MacLennan, Thomas Burke, P.Z's.

No. 90 *Golden, Kenora.*
H. S. Cade, P.Z. (Proxy); C. E. Letman, P.Z.

No. 91 *Toronto-Antiquity, Toronto*
Charles Litherland, Z.; C. Howes, H.; J. Bailey, J.; A. F. Tannahill, S. Manuel, A. Brook, H. J. Nelson, D. Calder, R. Somerville, A. A. Kitchen, W. J. A. Lake, J. Silk, J. B. Wallace, S. Donnan, P.Z's.

No. 94 *Midland, Lindsay*
George McCombe, Z.; E. Salway, H.; R. Price, J.; S. W. Gould, A. Rettie, W. C. Blackwell, P.Z's.

No. 95 *Tuscan, Sudbury.*
W. McKee, Z.; G. D. Grieve, C. A. Eby, P.Z's.

No. 102 *Algonquin, Sault Ste. Marie.*
I. L. Robertson, Z.; E. G. Drew, P.Z.

No. 103 *St. John's, North Bay*
B. F. Nott, P.Z. (Proxy); J. H. Stevenson, J. G. Maroosis, P.Z's.

No. 104 *White Oak, Oakville.*
O. Bergquist, H.; W. Edwards, P.Z.

No. 110 *Warkworth, Warkworth.*
J. H. Ewing, P.Z.

No. 113 *Covenant, Cornwall*
Geo. W. Shaw, Z.; C. A. Markell, P.Z.
No. 114 *Bonnechere, Renfrew.*
H. W. Mayhew, P.Z. (Proxy) ; Geo. Gordon, P.Z.
No. 115 *Brant, Paris.*
J. L. Churchill, P.Z. (Proxy); W. W. Tough, P.Z.
No. 116 *Maple, Carleton Place*
R. C. Wilson, Z.; M. W. Rogers, J. W. Morphy, A. J. Illingworth, P.Z's
No. 117 *Kitchener, Kitchener*
W. J. Stoner, Z.; F. W. Hoodless, H.; I. Marshall, J.; A. C. Mason, G. H. Shannon, S. Halfyard, O. A. Keffer, W. G. Duench, W. J$. Schneller, W. R. Cooper, W. J. Leach, W. E. James, R.Z's.
No. 119 *King Cyrus, Leamington*
R. A. Willett, P.Z. (Proxy); A. S. H. Cree, P.Z.
No. 129 *Elliot, Mitchell*
N. Coveney, Z.; J. Sorensen, J.; W. F. Elliot, J. Edmunds, L. Edighoffer, K. Taylor, P.Z's.
No. 130 *Chantry, Southampton*
M. Elliot, Z.; O. Stevenson, P.Z.
No. 131 *Amabel, Wiarton*
C. A. Whicher, Z.
No. 132 *Leeds, Gananoque*
H. McCalpin, Z.
No. 133 *St. Francis, Smiths Falls*
W. M. Veale, Z.; C. A. Bailey, P.Z.
No. 135 *Succoth, Uxbridge*
E. R. Fairman, Z.; M. Veitch, H. V. Watson, P.Z's.
No. 138 *Shekinah, Toronto*
E. Dobson, Z.; J. Benson, H.; H. O. Hughes, J.; C. E. Wells, H. Huggins, E. Pearson, E. Hughes, W. J. Harris, R Ackermhan, E. Snell, Arnold Cook, John Marr, W. Agnes, P.Z's.
No. 140 *Fort William, Fort William.*
F. Ryder, P.Z. (Proxy)
No. 144 *Presqu'Ile, Brighton.*
R. J. Virgin, Z.; W. H. Marsh, P.Z.
No. 145 *The St. Patrick, Toronto*
E. A. Colwell, Z.; R. L. Carr, H.; J. J. Shelley, W. E. Pomeroy, E. E. Reid, W. R. Ledger, J. R. Legecy, R. H. Dee, E. Hewett, M. A. Searle, R. S. Lewis, T. S. Westcott, W J. Tow, C. A. McDonald, P. W. Rogers, W. J. Johnson, J. Anderson, C. F Bolton, P.Z's.
No. 146 *Bernard, Listowel.*
N. S. VanCamp, Z.; L. Schure, J.; M. G. Beatty, W. H. Sargent, F. Hay, P.Z's.
No. 147 *Lucknow, Lucknow.*
J. Stewart, P.Z., (Proxy)
No. 148 *St. John's, Vankleek Hill*
William McCaskill, Z.
No. 149 *Atwood, Rainy River*
H. S. Cade, P.Z. (Proxy).
No. 150) *London, London.*
L. A. Steels, Z.; J. Bell, A. Bradshaw, T. Welch, A. E. Selwey, J. W. Carson, P.Z's.
No. 151 *Laurentian, Pembroke*
S. J. Hunt, Z.; S. D. Burns, H.; D. C. Burns, J.; G. B. Schultz, E. T. Wood, P.Z's.
No. 153 *Sombra, Wallaceburg.*
V. H. Richardson, Z.; J. Burnett, P.Z.

No. 155 *Ancaster, Ancaster.*
E. H. Wood, J. McNiece, P.Z's.
No. 161 *Madoc, Madoc.*
T. Lloyd, Z.; W. E. Connor, E. T. Nayler, P.Z's.
No. 163 *The Beaches, Toronto*
T. Middleton, Z.; T. J. Mason, F. L. Meisner, L. A. Woolger, J. V. Scrimger, H. Perkins, A. J. Stringer, J. A. Parrott.
No. 167 *Kichikewana, Midland.*
J. A. Thomas, Z.; A. N. French, R. R. Wilson, C. P. Eagles, F. A. Gendron, J. A. Davidson, P.Z's.
No. 168 *Ionic, Campbellford.*
T. H. Burgis, Z.; W. J. Nobes, W. H. Brady, E. J. Wilmink, P.Z's.
No. 169 *Temiskaming, New Liskeard.*
John V. Dinesen, P.Z.
No. 175 *The Hamliton, Hamilton*
D. S. Stephens, Z.; F. W. Dean, L. F. Stephens, W. J. Shaw, A. P. L. Goering, D. L. Ewing, Chas. Ralph, P.Z's.
No. 184 *Hugh Murray, Fort Erie, N.*
W. Rostron, Z.; T. Jackson, P.Z.
No. 195 *Peel, Brampton.*
J. A. McCleave, Z.; R. V. Conover, R. W. Hall, W. G. McClure, H. Spratt, O. T. Walker, P.Z's.
No. 198 *Couchiching, Orillia.*
B. C. Lamble, Z.; D. C. Patmore, Wm. Russell, D. A. Taylor, J. H. Page P.Z's.
No. 205 *Victoria, Thornhill*
R. A. Marsh, Z.; L. C. Lindsay, H.; H. S. Sparks, C. C. Mabley, P.Z's.
No. 212 *Mount Sinai, Toronto.*
Harold Hands, Z.; D. Cohen, H.; H. A. Pike, J.,; Dr. S. Perlman, S. Abrams, M. B. Sigal, M. Cooper, J. Taube, H. E. Savlov, P.Z's.
No. 213 *Northern Lights, Timmins.*
J. M. Martin, Z.; F. Wills, P.Z.
No. 215 *Mimico, Mimico.*
T. B. Rogers, P.Z. (Proxy)
No. 217 *St. Alban's, Toronto*
J. Turnbull, Z.; E. A. Woodland, H.; J. E. Bedwell, J.; H. A. F. Schytte, H. E. Walker, C. R. Kincaid, J. L. House, J. A. Mackie, J. A. Burton, S. J. Morris, S. C. Russell, J. W. Ellis, G. W. McRae, P.Z's.
No. 218 *Prince Edward, Shelburne.*
W Tipping, Z.; H. Emrick, H.; W. Newell, J.; S. Patterson, I. Edwards, C. MGhee, P.Z's.
No. 219 *Ulster, Toronto.*
J. Symes, Z.; J. L. Darge, H.; G. Anthony, J.; L. Hewson, L. J. Colling, D. S. MacLachlan, H. C. Kestevan, G. Macdonell, R. E. Story, J. W. Sheard, R. A. Boddy, J. S. Bremner, P.Z's.
No. 220 *Lebanon, Lambton Mills*
A. A. Beckett, Z.; J. A. Evans, F. Leuty, W. H. Carr, J. G. Beckett, W. J. G. Kirkpatrick, J. H. Dicken, F. A. C. Butler, P.Z's.
No. 221 *Durham, Durham.*
F Abbott, Z.; P. Ramage, H. C. McKecknie, P.Z's.
No. 222 *Ottawa, Ottawa.*
D. G. Hewer, Z.; C. M. Pitts, E. J. McCleery, H. T. C. Humphries, A. H. McKee, P.Z's.
No. 224 *Keystone, Hamilton.*
Bert Lankester, Z.; Robt. Clark, F. Eastwood, J. S. Drysdale, P.Z's.
No. 225 *Beaver, Toronto*
F. H. Carter, Z.; C. L. Carter, H.; W. M. Pendleton, J.; J. S. Pickard,

R. Wilson, C. E. Woodstock, W. Pendleton, W. J. Brackner, A. T. Thorpe, J. Alcorn, J. C. Day, P.Z's

No 226 *Prince of Wales, Perth*
F. C. Wright, H.

No. 227 *Quinte Friendship, Belleville.*
O. H. Gough, Z.; M. R. Anderson, B. H. Smith, P.Z's.

No. 230 *Port Credit, Port Credit*
R. H. Jamieson, P.Z. (Proxy) ; J. A. Edwards, W. H. McEachern, W. A. Maxwell, E. S. McNiece, S. B. Brayley, P.Z's.

No. 231 *The St. Clair, Toronto*
James A. Code, Z.; D. Moncrief, H.; R. S. Ritchie, J.; A. E. Johnson, W. K. Herd, M. K. MacDonald, Rev. D. M. Kerr, H. Eversfield, L. A. Stiver, S. Herd, G. Moir, J. W. Woodland, W G. Davey, H. L. Martyn, E. Sager, M. L. Martyn, D. C. Young, E. C. Shunk, P.Z's.

No. 232 *King Cyrus, Toronto* ....
H. McAllister, Z.; J. Banks, J.; E. W. Hazard, R. Fick, J. A. M. Taylor, K. N. Carrie, C. R. Harris, W. J. Black, E. H. Stanners, J. A. Marchment, P.Z's.

No. 233 *Oakwood, Toronto*
W. J. Hannah, Z.; S. H. Carlisle, H.; E. E. Hayward, J. Burns, W. E. Gardner, F. E. Johnson, A. McHannah, O. J. Forman, P.Z's.

No. 234 *Halton, Georgetown*
Jack Lucas, Z.; G. C. Brown, E. L. Arnold, E. R. Dron, P.Z's.

No. 235 *Aurora, Aurora.*
G. A. C. Gunton, Z.; F. D. Lacey, A. C. Welk, R. H. B. Cook, P.Z's

No 236 *Caledonia, Caledonia*
C. C. Duns, H.; E. Burke, F. Brown, P.Z's.

No. 238 *The St. Andrew, London.*
C. Baker, Z.; R. McMurdo, F. A. Marsh, B. S. Scott, P.Z's.

No. 239 *Blenheim, Blenheim.*
L. B. Boyle, P.Z.

No. 240 *Smithville, Smithville*
George aWines, Z.; S, Magder, F. Hays, P.Z's.

No. 241 *University, Toronto*
H. S. Biggs, Z.; H. A. Parkes, J.; A. Pickles, W. S. M. Enouy, R. H. Pomeroy, F. A. R. MacFadden, E. Pickles, J. E. Tilson, P.Z's.

No. 242 *St. Paul's, Lambeth.*
J. B. Lawrence, H.; F. C. Sheppard, P.Z.

No. 243 *McKay, Stoney Creek*
E. T. Spera, P.Z. (Proxy) ; J. H. Lee, W. M. Spera, P.Z's.

No. 245 *Preston, Preston.*
F H. Walkey, Z.; A. Klaassen, C. Schmeidendorf, F. Illingworth, P.Z's.

No. 246 *Humber, Weston*
H. J. Rees, Z.; M. Palmer, H. R. Taylor, J.; A. F. Nisbet, D. M. Thomson, D. J. McLean, R. E. Dean, S. J. Totten, R. B. Dargavel, E. Lunnon, O. H. Sloan, P.Z's.

No 247 *Nilestown, Nilestown*
L. J. Gent, Z.; G. H. Martin, A. Snelgrove, P.Z.

No. 249 *Palestine, Bowmanville*
N. A. Wilkins, Z.; R. E. Logan, A. W. G. Northcutt, L. T. McLaughlin, H. G. Freeman P.Z's.

No 250 *Thomas Peters, Windsor*
A. W. MacMil[illegible] H. MacQuarrie, H.; F. J. Armstrong, P.Z's.

No. 251 *Kirkland, Kirkland Lake*
R. McLenaghan, Z., [illegible] Riddle, H.; E. Harris, J.; A. G. Tipper, R. A. Bilbrough, P.Z's

No. 252 *Hiawatha, Sarnia*
G. Phillips, Z.; J. H. Coleman, R. A. Bond, P.Z's.

No. 253 *Regal, Port Dover*
Oscar Sutor, Z.
No. 254 *Golden Star, Dryden.*
H. S. Cade, P.Z. (Proxy) ; C. Fotheringham, P.Z.
No. 255 *Tillsonburg, Tillsonburg.*
R. D. MacDonald, Z.; W. L. Young, H.; G. D. Coyle, J.; Gerald Marshall, P.Z.
No. 256 *Yukon Chapter, Whitehorse, Y.T.*
J. A. M. Taylor, (Proxy) P.Z.

The following 19 Chapters were not represented:—

Tecumseh Chapter, No. 24, Stratford.
Huron Chapter, No. 30, Goderich.
Signet Chapter, No. 34, Barrie.
Pembroke Chapter, No. 58, Mattawa.
Granite, Chapter, 61, Almonte.
Beaver Chapter, No. 74, Strathroy.
Minnewawa Chapter, No. 78, Parkhill.
MacNabb Chapter, No. 88, Dresden.
St. John's Chapter, No. 112, Morrisburg.
King Darius Chapter, No. 134, Cannington.
Glengarry Chaper, No. 143, Maxville.
Alberton Chaper, No. 152, Fort Frances.
Klondike Chapter, No. 154, Dawson City, Y.T.
Lorne Chaper, No. 164, West Lorne, Ont.
Cobalt Chapter, No. 203, Cobalt.
Kitchener Chapter, No. 210, Russell.
Vimy Chapter, No. 214, Inwood.
Abitibi Chapter, No. 223, Iroquois Falls.
Dochert Chapter, No. 248, Arnprior.

136 Chapters were represented
19 Chapters were not represented.
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There were 614 Registered Delegates, having a total vote of 845.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

James W. Woodland, Chairman.
Edward H. Stanners, Vice-Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. J. W. Woodland and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on Credentials be received and adopted.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Most Excellent. the Grand Z. directed the Grand Scribe E. to call the roll of Representatives of Sister Grand Jurisdictions, when they assembled before the Altar. The following Grand Representatives answered their names:

R. Ex. Comp.	R. N. McElhinney, Toronto	Alabama
M. " "	Reg. V. Conover, Brampton	Alberta
V. " "	Percy Rogers, Toronto	Arizona
R. " "	John L. House, Toronto	British Columbia
R. " "	W. H. Carl McEachern, Toronto	California
R. " "	Harvey J. Milne, Kingston	Connecticut
R. " "	George W. Slack, Toronto	Delaware
R. " "	Fred J. Johnson, Toronto	Dist. of Columbia
R. " "	Kenneth N. Carrie, Toronto	Florida
R. " "	Fergus A. McDiarmid, Ottawa	Idaho
R. " "	Joseph J. Shelly, Toronto	Illinois
R. " "	Ben F. Nott, North Bay	Iowa
R. " "	A. P. Goering, Hamilton	Kansas
R. " "	Rev. A. S. H. Cree, Leamington	Kentucky
R. " "	W. Bailie Stothers, London	Louisiana
R. " "	A. J. Stringer, Toronto	Massachusetts
M. " "	Fred W. Dean, Hamilton	Michigan
R. " "	Wm. J. Tow, Toronto	Missouri
R. " "	E. J. McCleery, Ottawa	Montana
R. " "	Wm. S. M. Enouy, Toronto	Nebraska
R. " "	N. M. Sprague, Trenton	New Hampshire
R. " "	Archie McIntyre, Toronto	New Jersey
M. " "	R. B. Dargavel, Toronto	New South Wales
M. " "	J. M. Burden, Toronto	New York
R. " "	J. A. Evans, Toronto	New Zealand
R. " "	A. G. Tipper, Kirkland Lake	North Carolina
R. " "	J. A. M. Taylor, Hornby	North Dakota
M. " "	C. M. Pitts, Ottawa	Nova Scotia
R. " "	A. G. N. Bradshaw, London	Ohio
R. " "	W. E. Tregenza, Windsor	Oregon
M. " "	Llew F. Stephens, Hamilton	Pennsylvania
R. " "	J. A. M. Taylor, Hornby	Quebec
R. " "	Alex. Sollitt, Peterborough	Saskatchewan
V. " "	Alex. McD. Hannah, Toronto	Scotland
R. " "	D. C. Patmore, Orillia	South Dakota
R. " "	Chas. Fotheringham, Perth	Tennessee
R. " "	Chas. Sheppard, Niagara Falls	Vermont
V. " "	Sid. J. Newdick, Toronto	Victoria
R. " "	M. A. Searle, Toronto	Washington
V. " "	W. J. Shaw, Hamilton	West Australia
R. " "	J. W. Woodland, Toronto	Wisconsin
R. " "	Robert Clark, Hamilton	Wyoming

Most Ex. Comp. Pitts extended a warm welcome to the representatives and asked them to keep in contact with their respective Grand Chapters and to try and strengthen the fraternal bonds of union with our sister jurisdictions. Grand Honors were then given to the 42 representatives, presentation was made of commissions to R. Ex. Comp. J. A. M. Taylor, as Grand Representative near the Province of Quebec by M. Ex. Comp. Archie E. Dyson the Grand Z. of Quebec, M. Ex. Comp. Pitts presented M. Ex. Comp. W. F. Clark with his commission as our Grand Representative near the State of Massachusetts.

GRAND Z'S ADDRESS

To the Officers and Companions of the Most Excellent,

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

My Companions:

As the two-year term as your Grand First Principal closes, my first impulse is to render thanks to the Great Jehovah for the blessing and health vouchsafed throughout these years; that no appointment or obligation incurred has been neglected; that the Order continues to flourish and increase; that peace, harmony and cordial Companionship exists within our own Jurisdiction and throughout the whole Royal Craft, and the Fraternity generally.

We meet once more in the metropolitan city of Toronto, by my direction after failing to secure proper hotel accommodation in London, Ontario, on the constitutional dates laid down for holding our Annual Convocation. With the breakdown of negotiations, approach was made to the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, where every facility was made available, for this and four more years if Grand Chapter approves. It became necessary to appoint a special Committee of Grand Chapter to supervise all the emergency arrangements, under the Chairmanship of Rt. Ex. Companion John House, and assisted by the Principals' Association of the Toronto Districts. So I am now happy to report that everything is in most satisfactory condition and everything possible has been done to insure the comfort and convenience of our distinguished guests and their ladies as well as our own membership. So once more we extend our grateful thanks to The Queen City, renowned for its fraternal hospitality and to all those who have associated to make this Convocation successful. At the same time we offer our sincere regrets to the Companions of London and District that for reasons beyond our control we were unable to take advantage of their offered and gracious invitation. With the experience of how easily difficulties may arise in an emergency, I recommend that a standing Committee of Grand Chapter on Annual Convoca-

tion Arrangements be set up to be responsible for all such details referred to them by the Grand Council.

One of the great pleasures of our Convocation is the presence of so many distinguished Companions from our Sister Jurisdictions and from the other branches of the Masonic Family. We are especially honoured that our Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. and Ex. Comp. James P. Maher accompanied by our highly esteemed and energetic Grand Secretary Rt. Wor. Bro. and Companion Ewart G. Dixon have graced this occasion. One of the outstanding evenings in my term of office was on November 10th, in the Eglinton Temple in Toronto in York Chapter No. 62, where our Grand Master was installed and invested in the chairs of his Mother Chapter and assumed the rank of Past Zerubbabel, thereby confirming the action taken by our Grand Executive at our last Annual Convocation. It was a delight to be assisted in the ceremony by Most Ex. Comp. Col. R. V. Conover as Acting G. J., Rt. Ex. Comp. Frank A. Copus, Past Grand Master as G. H., and Most Ex. Comp. R. B. Dargavel, Past Grand Master to place our Grand Master in the First Principal's Chair.

To the rulers of Capitular Masonry, present and past, who have come to us today from Sister Jurisdictions near and far, and all our kin in the fellowship of the Holy Royal Arch, we extend a most warm and cordial welcome and wish them every happiness and satisfaction during their stay with us, and lasting and pleasant memories of our Companionship together.

To those who come as representatives of the other branches of this great tradition of Freemasonry, we greet them with the most sincere fraternal affection and earnestly trust that each may convey to the Body they represent our very best wishes for their continued success and prosperity.

Necrology

This has been a year when the call to the Grand Chapter Above has been heard by an exceedingly great number of our Companions, the highest in very many years, totalling 455, and a total of 896 in my term of office. Our Committee on Fraternal Dead will record fully the passing of these of our number who will join us no longer.

Our hearts were saddened with the sudden word that Most Ex.

Comp. George Lawrence Gardiner, Grand Z. in 1935-6, our senior P.G.Z., our Grand Historian and Reviewer, our friend and counsellor, had died at his home in Toronto on December 5th, 1950. His world-wide knowledge of Masonry and Masons, and his extensive correspondence in connection with "Fraternal Correspondence" and our Capitular Reviews, had created for him a splendid reputation. Those who only knew his writings were grieved at his death, but, we who treasured his intimate friendship, feel an irreparable loss. To his wife and family, we extend our sincerest sympathy.

A message of sympathy was forwarded Rt. Ex. Comp. Sydney White, Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of England, in the passing of Most Ex. Comp. His Grace The Duke of Devonshire, K.G., First Grand Principal; also to the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of British Columbia in the loss on November 15th, 1950, of our great friend M. Ex. Comp. John MacLeod, who had endeared himself to us by his great faith in Capitular Masonry and its mission; and in the passing of M. Ex. Comp. J. J. Miller, the Grand Historian and Reviewer for British Columbia.

On April 7th, 1951, I attended the Masonic funeral in Montreal of M. Ex. Comp. Walter W. Williamson, P.G.M. and P.G.Z. of Quebec, the Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe E. of both Craft and Royal Craft, one who had held the highest offices and enjoyed the highest distinction in every branch of Masonry, whom Grand Jurisdictions on both sides of the Border and Overseas delighted to honour, who died in hospital on April 4th after a short illness.

These, and many others whose names appear elsewhere in these Proceedings, we revere, recording our affectionate esteem, in the sure confidence that the Great Architect of the Universe, who gave to these His Children so many gifts and graces during their earthly pilgrimage, now has them forever in His Holy Keeping.

Visitations

It is impossible to record in detail all the happy occasions that it has been my pleasure to attend in the course of the performance of my Masonic duties, nor to note the names of all the friends and companions whose hospitality and generous consideration at all times and in all places contributed to making my visits a lasting memory of joy. To the many hosts who spared no efforts to make everything comfortable and convenient, for cordial recep-

tions, the gifts of Companionship and tributes of fraternal affection, (and often remembrances to take home to Mrs. Pitts as an evidence of my faithful attendance to official duties), for the evidences that my efforts to bring a message of true spiritual content of our mysteries and ceremonies were appreciated, and to all of my Brethren and Companions who have attended these functions and contributed to their success, I offer my grateful thanks.

The following is the list of my activities since our last Annual Convocation:

Date 1950	Chapter, Lodge, or Event	No.	Location	Occasion
APRIL				
29	Ottawa Preceptory	32	Ottawa	Field Day
MAY–				
8	Maitland Chapter	68	Kemptville	Dedication Ch. Room and Presentation of 50 Year Jewel Comp Bobier
12	Saskatchewan York Rite Bodies		Regina	Banquet
13	General Grand Chapter R.A.M.		Regina	Sectional Meeting and Banquet
15-16	Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Saskatchewan		Regina	Annual Convocation
19	Ottawa District Meeting		Ottawa	Reception for Grand Master M.W. Bro. J. P. Maher.
29	Annual Meeting		Ottawa	P. M. Association
31	Ottawa Preceptory	32	Ottawa	Installation of Officers
JUNE–				
13	Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Vermont		Burlington VT.	Annual Convocation
23	Oxford Chapter	18	Woodstock	R.A. Degree and presentation of 50-year Jewel and 25 P.M. Jewel E. C. Thornton.
JULY–				
7-8	Committee of Benevolence		Toronto	Grand Lodge
17-20	Grand Lodge A.F.&A.M. of Canada in Ontario		Toronto	Annual Communication
AUGUST–				
18	Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada Red Cross of Constantine		Toronto	Annual Conclave and Banquet
20-21	Sov. Great Priory K.T.		Sudbury	Annual Meeting
21-22	4th Annual Conference Canadian Grand Chapters		Sudbury	Banquet and deliberations (Chairman)
31	Ottawa Chapter	222	Ottawa	Committee
SEPT.–				
5	Dalhousie Lodge	52	Ottawa	Regular Meeting
14	Grand Council & Grand Chapter Advisory Committee		Toronto	Conference
15-17	General Grand Chapter R.A.M.		Columbus, Ohio	Sectional Conference and Banquet (speaker)
20	Carleton Chapter	16	Ottawa	Presentation, First Distinguished Service Medal, Comp. J. W. Taylor
21	Massena Chapter		Massena, N.Y.	International Night

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OCT.–				
1-5	Supreme Council A. & A.S.R.		Ottawa	Annual Session
7	Royal Order of Scotland		Ancaster	Reception and Banquet for Earl and Countess of Elgin
	Grand Chapter Office		Toronto	Conference
10	Tillsonburg Chapter	255	Tillsonburg	Banquet and dedication of Chapter Room.
11	St. Paul's Chapter	65	Toronto	75th Anniversary. Investiture of Gr. D. of C., V.Ex. Comp. M.S. Gooderham.
16	Ottawa Lodge of Perfection S.R.		Ottawa	Presentation of T.P.G.M. Jewel
19-21	Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Michigan		Detroit	Annual Convocation with M. Ex. Comp. Dean and Grand Scribe E.
24	Chaudiere Lodge	264	Ottawa	D.D.G.M. Visit
26	Sombra Chapter	153	Wallaceburg	Dinner for G.Z. with G.S.E.
27	Presentation of 50 year Jewel		Windsor	Comp. A. McGie at Windsor for Moira No. 7, Belleville.
27	The Hiram Chapter	2	Hamilton	Hamilton District No. 5, Official Reception to Grand Z.
28	London District No. 2	2	London	R.A.M. Birthday Party. Reception of G.Z. and Presentation of 50 year Jewel to Comp. Dr. Edwin Seaborn.
29				Presented 50 year Jewel to Comp. C. E. Bernard at his home in London.
30	St. Andrew and St. John Chapter	4	Toronto	150th Anniversary.
31	Manitou Chapter	27	Collingwood	Georgian District No. 9, Reception and Dinner for G.Z. Presentation of two 50-year Jewels Comp. F. J. Davis and Comp. Jos. K. McLaughlin.
NOV.–				
1	Willson Chapter	64	Welland	75th Anniversary
				Niagara District No. 7. Reception for G.Z.
3	Pembroke Lodge	123	Pembroke	Reception as P.D.D.G.M. and G.Z.
7	Dalhousie Lodge	52	Ottawa	Regular Meeting
8	Prince Edward Chapter	218	Shelburne	Dedication Chapter
				Room and Reception of Wellington Dist. No. 4 to G.Z. Presented 2nd Distinguished Service Medal to Comp. Robert Cooper.
9	Moore Sovereign Consistory		Hamilton	Fall Reunion
9	Caledonia Chapter	236	Caledonia	Dedication of Chapter Room
10	York Chapter	62	Toronto	Conferring P.Z. rank on M. W. Bro. J. P. Maher, G.M., assisted by P.G.M's.
17	The St. Patrick Chapter	145	Toronto	Grand Chapter Night R.A.M. Degree.
20	Royal Albert Chapter		Montreal	Presentation 50 year Medal, Comp. Ed. Inwood Mount Moriah Chapter No. 19.
21	Canadian Masonic Research Assoc.		Toronto	Presentation of papers and election of officers.
24	St. Francis Chapter	133	Smith Falls	Ottawa District No. 13 Meeting, Banquet and Reception for G.Z. Presentation of 50-year Jewel to Comp. A. H. Kyle of Maitland Chapter No. 68.
27	Huron District No. 6		Wroxeter	Banquet and Reception for G.Z.
29-30	Kirkland Chapter	251	Kirkland Lake	Temiskaming District No. 16, Banquet and Reception for G.Z.
DEC.–				
1	P.M's. of 1940-41, Ottawa District		Ottawa	Dinner for P.D.D.G.M. and G.Z.

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DEC.—				
5—	Dalhousie Lodge	52	Ottawa	D.D.G.M. Official Visit
7—	Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania		Philadelphia	Annual Convocation
11-13—	Grand Chapter R.A.M of Massachusetts		Boston	Annual Convocation
14—	Grand Chapter Office		Toronto	Conference
27—	Ottawa Preceptory K.T.	32	Ottawa	Christmas Service
1951				
JAN.—				
2—	Dalhousie Lodge	52	Ottawa	Regular Meeting
4—	Grand Chapter Office		Toronto	Conference
18—	Doric Lodge	58	Ottawa	D.D.G.M. Official Visit
25—	Ottawa Chapter	222	Ottawa	Installation of Officers
27—	Grand Chapter Office		Toronto	Conference
31—	Principals' Association		Toronto	Annual Dinner
FEB.—				
7—	Grand Council and Advisory Committee		Toronto	Conference
7—	Toronto District 8 & 8A		Toronto	Reception to G.Z.
12—	Ottawa Lodge of Perfection A.&A.S.R.		Ottawa	Installation of Officers
24—	Carleton Chapter	16	Ottawa	Meeting of membership Committee of Grand Chapter
	and Ottawa Chapter	222	Ottawa	Reception and Banquet for G.Z. and H.R.A. Degree Gr. J. & G.S.E. present.
MARCH—				
6—	Dalhousie Lodge	52	Ottawa	P.M's. Night
9—	Grand Chapter Office		Toronto	Conference
12-14—	Valley of Ottawa A. & A.S.R.		Ottawa	Reunion
16—	Ancient Frontenac & Cataraqui Chapter	1	Kingston	Reception to G.Z. in St. Lawrence District No. 12
22—	Murray Chapter of Rose Croix		Ottawa	Mystic Banquet
23—	Corinthian Chapter No. 36		Peterborough	Reception and Banquet for G.Z. by Ontario District No. 10. Presentation of 3rd Distinguished Service Medal to Comp. Robt. Starr and 50-year Jewel to Comp. Jas. Hamilton.
25—	Murray Chapter of Rose Croix		Ottawa	Easter Ceremonies
28—	Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Quebec		Montreal	Annual Convocation
29—	Murray Chapter of Rose Croix		Ottawa	Installation of Officers
30—	Prince of Wales Chapter	71	Amherstburg	75th Anniversary Dinner and District No. 1 Meeting.
APRIL—				
3—	Dalhousie Lodge	52	Ottawa	Old Timers' Night
4	Ottawa Temple Co., Ltd.		Ottawa	Annual Meeting
5—	St. Andrew's Lodge	560	Ottawa	Inter-Lodge visitation Night
9—	The Moira Chapter	7	Belleville	Dedication of Ch. Room and Banquet for Prince Edward District No. 11.
	Quinte Friendship Chapter	227	Belleville	
10—	Grand Chapter Office		Toronto	Conference
16—	Brant Chapter	115	Paris	Dedications of Chapter Room, Wilson District No. 3 Banquet for G.Z.
17—	Grand Council and Advisory Committee		Toronto	Conference

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APRIL—				
21	Royal Order of Scotland		Hamilton	Dinner
23	Grand Chapter Office		Toronto	Conference
24-26	Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Canada		Toronto	93rd Annual Convocation

A glance at this itinerary will indicate the distances which have to be travelled from Ottawa to reach the major portions of the Jurisdiction, and I wish here to pay a tribute to our Grand Scribe E. who made his car available and did most of the driving required out of Toronto to the various appointments, very greatly easing the strain and providing excellent companionship.

During the year there were seven dedications of Chapter Rooms at which the G. Z. officiated at six, Maitland Chapter No. 68 Kemptville; Tillsonburg Chapter No. 255, Tillsonburg; Prince Edward Chapter No. 218, Shelburne; Caledonia Chapter No. 236, Caledonia; Moira Chapter No. 7 and Quinte Friendship Chapter No. 227, in the new Temple at Belleville; and Brant Chapter No. 115, Paris, on all of which occasions the Grand Scribe E. was present and directed the ceremonies. The seventh dedication was that of the Chapter Room of Yukon Chapter No. 256, Whitehorse, Yukon Territories. This, together with the formal presentation of their Charter and the installation of officers was performed by the Grand J., Rt. Ex. Comp. J. A. M. Taylor and the Grand Scribe E., Rt. Ex. Comp. Fred J. Johnson on a special commission issued by me as Grand Z. They also visited Klondike Chapter No. 154 and installed their officers. The trip of 6,000 miles was made by air leaving Malton at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 16th, and arriving in Whitehorse at 3:30 a.m. Wednesday where they were met by the First Principal of Yukon Chapter, Ex. Comp. A. Burnside, and later by Ex. Comp. R. J. Meek, 2nd Principal. The Companions assembled about 2:30 p.m. The officers who had been acting under dispensation were duly installed, the warrant presented, and the election of the 1951 Officers held in regular course, which was followed by adjournment to dress for the meeting at 7:30 p.m., at which the officers were regularly installed, after which the Chapter Room was dedicated in what is reported to be a most impressive manner with full musical ritual. The work and secrets of the H.R.A. were exemplified, and the certificates of membership

presented to the Members. A presentation of a "Ram's Horn" to be used in Dedication Ceremonies was presented to Grand Chapter through our representatives by Ex. Comp. Meek and Comp. J. J. Elliott during the banquet hour which broke up at 2:30 a.m. The representatives left Whitehorse at 7:30 a.m. by plane to Dawson City where they were met by Rt. Ex. Comp. C. H. Chapman, our Grand Superintendent and Comp. Williamson with a taxi for the drive into town, a distance of 14 miles, where they were entertained at the famous Hotel Pearl Harbour. The Masonic Temple is a fine building, the former Carnegie Library. The Convocation opened at 7:30 p.m. with a most cordial reception to the Grand Chapter representatives, then followed the election of Officers and their installation, and an instruction period in the work of the three degrees. The banquet following lasted 'till 1:30 a.m., and the temperature outside was 50 degrees below and when they took the taxi to the plane 1:00 p.m. it was 64 degrees below at the Airport. Back in Whitehorse at 3:20 p.m. they were again received by the Companions of Yukon Chapter and exemplified the M.E.M. degree, catching the plane for Edmonton at 11:30 p.m. and were back in Malton at 6:00 a.m. Sunday morning. The report indicates a splendid enthusiasm for Capitular Masonry and devotion to our Grand Chapter. The new Officers are interested and capable and all signs pointed to sustained progress. I am exceedingly indebted to Rt. Ex. Companions Taylor and Johnson for accepting my commission for this visitation, which previous engagements made it impossible for me to take personally and the work required a minimum of two with full power of dispensation to perform the duties involved. I am satisfied that the expense and effort was exceedingly worthwhile and that our obligation to our Companions in the Yukon Territory, District No. 17, have been fully and efficiently discharged to the satisfaction of all concerned and to the benefit of Capitular Masonry for many years to come. From here forward the Companions will be able to perform the required Ceremonies in both Chapters without outside help. I wish to gratefully acknowledge the assistance offered by the members of our Sister Jurisdiction in the West to journey North to carry out these duties for us in our stead, but I considered it our own peculiar privilege and duty. The expenses were covered through my travelling allowance.

With the exception of the Yukon, I have now visited in all our Districts during my term and wish to express my great appreci-

ation of the splendid response on the part of the Companions and the co-operation and assistance of the Grand Superintendents in making these gatherings possible and extending so many courtesies to the Grand Chapter Officers who accompanied me. As a rule the Craft Masons were invited to the banquet and the opportunity was given me to present the claims of Capitular Masonry to their interest and support, with some pertinent explanation of its place and function in our Masonic system.

The Annual Convocations of our Sister Jurisdictions who were kind in inviting our attendance, and at which I was present, were Saskatchewan at Regina, Vermont at Burlington, Michigan at Detroit, Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, Massachusetts at Boston and Quebec in Montreal. I was accompanied by the G.S.E. to Regina and Detroit where M. Ex. Comp. Dean was also present. To my great regret it was impossible for me to accept the invitations of the Grand Chapters of Alberta, British Columbia, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ohio (where we were represented by the Grand H, and G.S.E.), Texas 100th Anniversary, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, California; Manitoba, where our G.H. attended, and New York where M. Ex. Comps. Burden and Conover represented our Grand Chapter.

The warmth and friendship of the hospitality extended on all these occasions to all of our representatives who attended, and to myself will ever be a most delightful remembrance for which we offer our most sincere thanks.

In addition to the above invitations, I had to send regrets to Rameses Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. Toronto for their reception to the Imperial Potentate, Mr. Harold Lloyd; to the Companions of Warsaw, N.Y., for the annual picnic with Toronto Districts and also the return meeting in Toronto on September 30th. It just is not possible to find dates for all offered engagements and my regret is most sincere.

At the special invitation of M. Ex. Comp. Earl E. Dusenbury, Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, R.A.M., I attended the Sectional Meeting of the General Grand Chapter in Regina and spoke at the Closing Banquet in the absence of M. Ex. Comp. W. D. Laurence of Winnipeg who was stranded in the flood. Later at the last of these Sectional Meetings held in Columbus, Ohio, I was again invited to be present and be the Banquet Speaker, which

was a very great honour for our Grand Chapter, as we do not belong to the General Grand Chapter which is the largest Masonic organization functioning under one head. M. Ex. Comp. Dusenbury is to be congratulated on the very fine type of leadership he has given during his three-year term as G.H.P. and the great contribution he has made to the better appreciation of the real values of the Royal Craft. It constitutes a great challenge to our Grand Chapter, whose most effective sphere of influence does not directly lie within the bounds of this larger group in Capitular Masonry, to be equally energetic and co-operative in the advancement of those high purposes for which we as Royal Arch Masons stand. I owe my Companions of the General Grand Chapter my most sincere thanks for the wonderful fellowship and hospitality they have always accorded the G.Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, including that super-enthusiast for the York Rite, M. Ex. Comp. Carl Moore, G.H.P. of California with whom we had such an interesting association in Regina.

It has been my privilege to attend officially the Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Knights Templar in Sudbury, the Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada, Red Cross of Constantine in Toronto, the Annual Session of the Supreme Council A. & A. S. R. in Ottawa, the Canadian Masonic Research Association in Toronto, and our Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario in Toronto. In every instance every courtesy was extended, and most gratefully accepted. It is with earnest regret that I was unable to attend the Annual Assembly of the Council of Royal and Select Masters, but Rt. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw our Grand H was our official representative.

The Fourth Annual Conference of Canadian Grand Chapters R.A.M., was held in Sudbury on August 22nd, 1950, following the close of Sovereign Great Priory of Canada. For the sake of conciseness, I include my report as your official representative and as President of the Conference, as follows:

REPORT ON THE FOURTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF GRAND CHAPTERS OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS IN CANADA, HELD IN THE NICKEL RANGE HOTEL, SUDBURY, ONTARIO, TUESDAY, AUGUST 22ND, 1950.

To the Officers and Companions of the Most Excellent, The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

Owing to the railroad strike and the fact that the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada had concluded their deliberations the previous day, the Conference met at 11:00 o'clock on Tuesday, and was able to conclude its deliberations in time for the closing banquet that evening. There were twenty-seven registered in attendance, and every Grand Chapter in the Dominion was represented with the exception of New Brunswick. Their representative, Most Excellent Companion Roy Crawford, their Grand Scribe E, was stalled in Montreal on Monday evening, and unable to get a train to Sudbury, so that he had to return home without putting in an appearance, much to his and the Conference's regret. The agenda included the address of welcome by Most Ex. Comp. C. M. Pitts, Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Canada and President of the Conference. This was followed by the financial statement of the Third Conference held in Winnipeg the previous year, as presented by Most Ex. Comp. R. V. Harris, of Nova Scotia; then the appointment of the Committee on Resolutions and Nominations for this Conference; a further report and information on fraternal relations by Most Ex. Comp. R. V. Harris; the report of the Committee on Education for Master Masons looking towards their exaltations to the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch by Most Ex. Comp. Dr. Ben S. Bailey of Manitoba; a further report on Uniform Regalia presented by Most Ex. Comp. R. V. Harris; the formation of an All Canada Lodge of Research report, by Most Ex. Comp. C. M. Pitts; the Lure of Capitular Masonry, by Most Ex. Comp. P. S. Cochrane of Nova Scotia; the report of the Research Committee by Most Ex. Comp. C. M. Pitts; report of Fraternal Relations by Most Ex. Comp. W. W. Williamson of Quebec; general discussion and selection of place of meeting for 1951; a covering item on the good of the Order and the report of the Committee on Resolutions and Nominations, followed by the concluding banquet. A verbatim report of all that occurred at this conference was made, mimeographed, and distributed to all

the present and past Grand First Principals of the Grand Chapters in Canada, as well as the Grand Second and Third Principals. Following the presentation of the papers and reports, a very full discussion took place, and where the subject matter required review and reports, these matters were referred to the Committee on Resolutions to be reported on at the end of the Conference, it always being understood that the decisions reached were in no way binding upon the Sovereign bodies of Grand Chapters represented, but simply a guide as to the opinion of the Representatives present on these subjects.

With regard to the expenses of the meeting in Winnipeg in 1949, the Secretary, Most Ex. Comp. A. A. Wilson, reported that the expenses amounted to $775.19, all of which was raised on a membership assessment of the different Grand Chapters on an assessment of $1.93 per hundred membership, which exactly covered the expenses and left nothing in the Treasury. The report on Uniform Regalia covered the whole field of Regalias now in use by Royal Arch Masons both in Canada and in Great Britain, a very full report and samples being produced, covering the whole field. One sample of Apron and Sash as presented was agreed upon as that suitable to be adopted as standard throughout the various Jurisdictions and it was left to the Resolutions Committee to draft the recommendation.

In the matter of Education, it was discussed most fully as to the merits of having a booklet which would describe and explain Capitular Masonry, and its relationship to the Craft, and it was left to the Recommendations Committee to draft a suitable recommendation to cover the action to be taken before the next Conference. At the luncheon, it was a delight to have greetings from Most Ex. Comp. Alex. Davidson, the Grand Z of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia, who expressed his pleasure at being present and in taking part in the deliberations of the Conference. The Report on the All Canadian Lodge of Research and the new set-up of the Canadian Masonic Research Association, which was recommended to take the place of the proposed Lodge for the present, was presented fully, with the proposed Constitution and By-laws, and passed to the Resolutions Committee for final drafting for the record. Dr. P. S. Cochrane of Nova Scotia presented a paper on the "Appeal of Masonry," which was most interesting and informative.

Most Ex. Comp. Walter W. Williamson from Quebec Jurisdiction gave a short but informative report upon the relationships existing between the different foreign Jurisdictions, which was followed immediately by a paper on the Capitular Degrees in the British Isles, which covered the various Masonic Degrees and their relationship with the Grand Jurisdictions within the British Isles and also their relationship with the other Grand Jurisdictions throughout the world by M. Ex. Comp. R. V. Harris. The discussion which followed this paper was most illuminating and the whole matter was referred to the Resolutions Committee for subsequent report.

After a short recess to permit the Committee on Resolutions to complete their report, the Conference reconvened and the following resolutions were presented and adopted as follows:

Brief:

1. Thanks to the President of the Conference for his address and the conduct of the meeting.
2. That the Proceedings of the Conference be mimeographed and sent to all Grand Scribe E's to be sent to their three Grand Principals and all past Grand Z's, and others desiring copies, with a covering letter in the case of any recipient who is particularly concerned with the contents.
3. That a cumulative index of all the preceding Conferences including the present Conference be made up and included in the Proceedings of this Conference.
4. That a Committee on Capitular Education be appointed to prepare a booklet containing information respecting the Capitular Degrees and that the draft of the booklet be furnished to all the Grand Scribe E's for distribution in their Jurisdictions to the selected members of the Jurisdiction who are particularly interested in reviewing and making a contribution so that the draft, with the report, might be submitted to the next Conference.
5. That the personnel of the proposed Committee on Capitular Education be as follows: F. W. Dean, Canada, Chairman; Dr. P. S. Cochrane, Nova Scotia; A. C. Lemmon, New Brunswick; Norman H. Hill, Quebec; J. B. Dillabough, Manitoba; Thomas R. Luke, Saskatchewan; Dr. J. B. Follett, Alberta; John McLeod, British Columbia, and C. M. Pitts, Immediate Past President.

6. Expressed the cordial thanks to all who had prepared papers or reports for the conference.

7. Expressed the belief that the setting up of a Royal Arch Chapter in one of our Canadian Grand Jurisdictions by an outside Grand Jurisdiction would seriously affect the harmony now existing in Capitular Freemasonry.

8. That the record of the discussions, re this matter be not published.

9. That in the interest of uniformity: 1. That the colours of aprons and sashes in use in our Grand Jurisdictions be crimson and purple as in the sample exhibited to the Conferance and marked "exhibit A"; 2. That Grand Chapters where the tri-coloured sash is worn, the colours be sky-blue inside and crimson and purple outside; 3. That in Grand Chapters where any of their officers wear a bi-coloured sash, the purple diamond be worn outward; 4. We recommend that all Grand Chapters amend their constitution and ritual where necessary to harmonize with these recommendations, and that the word "indented" be substituted for "irradiated" in the description of Regalia.

10. We would urge upon all Grand Chapters throughout Canada, their practical and generous support of the Canadian Masonic Research Association.

The following nominations for the ensuing year were then adopted for the Executive Committee for the ensuing Conference:

President—A. G. N. Bradshaw;

Immediate Past President—C. M. Pitts;

Vice-President—Dr. P. S. Cochrane;

Secretary-Treasurer—Fred J. Johnson;

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer—A. A. Wilson (Saskatchewan);

Executive—A. E. Davidson (British Columbia), Dr. J. V. Follett (Alberta), R. D. Crawford (New Brunswick), J. B. Dillabough (Manitoba), Norman H. Hill (Quebec).

The Conference then agreed to meet in the Fifth Annual Conference in the city of Hamilton at the close of the meeting of the Sovereign Great Priory, which we now know will be at the Royal Connaught Hotel on August 21st, commencing with a din-

ner to the delegates at 7:00 p.m., the conference to be concluded the following day.

These Conferences have been productive of exceedingly fine results in disseminating the better knowledge and appreciation of the problems and the work being done by our several Grand Jurisdictions within the Dominion. Without in any way, encroaching upon the sovereignty which is inherent in each Grand Chapter, it has, nevertheless, been possible to arrive in harmony on the decisions on many matters leading to uniformity and the strengthening of Capitular Masonry. It is earnestly recommended that this Grand Chapter continue its most hearty support of the Conference. All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

C. M. Pitts, *Grand Z.*

As the representative for Capitular Masonry to the Canadian Masonic Research Association, I wish to record the developments subsequent to my last report to Grand Chapter.

In accordance with the resolution adopted by the Preliminary Meeting, a subsequent meeting of those interested in Masonic Research was called to discuss the formation, in the meantime and as a further exploratory step, of a Canadian Masonic Research Association. This meeting was held on Tuesday, May 9th, 1950, at the Masonic Temple, 888 Yonge Street, Toronto, at 8:00 p.m. when about 50 of the brethren representing all Masonic Bodies were present. In the unavoidable absence of Most Wor. Bro. W. J. Dunlop, on University Extension business out of town, your President acted as Chairman of the meeting and Most Wor. Bro. R. V. Harris acted as Secretary. A most interesting discussion ensued when all points of view were freely expressed after a full report had been given of the details of the first meeting. It was moved, seconded and agreed that The Canadian Masonic Research Association should be formed to carry on temporarily until a full report could be presented to the next Biennial Conference of Canadian Grand Lodges in 1951 when the whole scheme would have had an opportunity of trial as an Association without committing any Grand Lodge to the necessity of Constituting a Lodge of Research until general approval had been obtained. The Secretary then presented a proposed set of Bylaws to govern this Associ-

ation, which were discussed section by section, and passed as follows:

BY-LAWS

THE CANADIAN MASONIC RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

Preamble

1. To encourage Masonic Research and study by its members and others;
2. To present their findings and conclusions to meetings of the Association for discussion and interchange of judgment;
3. To publish at convenient intervals proceedings or transactions containing such portions of the addresses and discussions as may be desirable to print;
4. To publish new Masonic books of outstanding merit;
5. To reproduce or print Masonic documents of historical importance;
6. To reprint scarce Masonic books and pamphlets;
7. To assist in and encourage the preservation of Masonic material of Historic value.

I. MEETINGS: Meetings of the Association shall be held at such times and places as may be designated by the President or Executive Committee from time to time.

II. OFFICERS: The Elective Officers shall be President, 10 Vice-Presidents, one from each Province, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and said officers shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Association.

III. TREASURER: The Treasurer shall receive from the Secretary all moneys of the Association and give his receipt therefore, keep a just and regular account thereof, and deposit same in such chartered bank as the Executive Committee may designate. All money shall be deposited in the name of the Association, and no withdrawal shall be made except by cheque signed by the Treasurer, countersigned by the President or Vice-President. upon authorization by the Executive Committee.

IV. SECRETARY: The Secretary shall record the proceedings of all meetings of the Association or its Executive Committee, shall receive all money paid to him, paying the same to the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor, and shall keep such books of

record and perform such duties as may be prescribed by these bylaws or the resolutions of the Association.

V. COMMITTEES: The President shall appoint such Committees as may be necessary for the conduct of the business of the Association.

VI. MEMBERSHIP: The Executive Committee may elect to Membership, Master Masons, in good standing belonging to recognized Masonic bodies. They shall be entitled to receive without charge the notices of meetings and the proceedings or transactions, but a charge shall be made to them for other publications of the Association.

VII. FEES: Members shall pay dues in advance at the rate of Five Dollars ($5.00) per annum.

VIII. PROCEEDINGS: 1. The Executive Committee may at convenient intervals publish proceedings or transactions containing such portions of the addresses and discussions read before meetings of the Association and such germane material as may be desirable to print. It may also publish new Masonic books of outstanding merit, reproduce or print Masonic books and pamphlets.

2. The compilation, manufacture and distribution of all publications of the Association shall be in charge of a Publication Committee appointed by the Executive Committee, said Publication Committee may in its discretion establish rules and regulations concerning the publication and sale of articles and books.

Most Ex. Comp. Harris then presented a prepared and printed paper on the Masonic Stone of Port Royal 1606, which was received with interest, and a hearty vote of thanks was moved and conveyed to Bro. Harris for the paper and the time and thought given to this research.

It would now appear to be in order for the Acting Secretary, R. V. Harris, to proceed to call a meeting for the election of officers as provided by the Bylaws of the Association as approved by the meeting of May 9th, 1950, and that this 4th Annual Conference reaffirms its interest in and support of this movement and to the presentation of a suitable petition to the next Conference of Canadian Grand Lodges for the formation, in due time, of an All-Canadian Lodge of Research to carry out the objectives as outlined in the original presentation.

The further meeting was held on November 21st, 1950, in the College St. Temple, Toronto, at which, in the absence of Dr. Dunlop, C. M. Pitts again presided, when the election of offices and Executive Committee took place, and papers presented (1) "Freemasonry at the Siege of Quebec, 1759," by R. Wor. Bro. A. J. R. Milbourne, Montreal, and (2) "Thomas Douglas Harrington, Citizen and Mason," by W. Bro. Lewis F. Riggs. Membership dues at $5.00 were collected, and the next meeting was scheduled to be held in Winnipeg on February 26th, 1951, at the meeting of the All-Canada Grand Masters Conference.

I did not attend this meeting of the Association in Winnipeg and the minutes are not available, but I understand that the Association received encouragement to continue as an Association as the time had not yet arrived for the formation of a Lodge of Research. A further meeting of the Association for the reception of papers and discussion will be held in Toronto shortly.

Grand Representatives

It is a pleasure to have issued commissions at the request of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts to Most Ex. Comp. William F. Clark, G.H.P., and on the request of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut to R. Ex. Comp. Charles J. Fairhurst, and the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia to Most Ex. Comp. Alex. E. Davidson, G.Z., to act as our Grand Representatives near their Grand Chapters.

For Grand Representatives near our Grand Chapter, I have recommended to the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Arkansas, Rt. Ex. Comp. Rev. C. H. MacDonald; for the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Montana, Rt. Ex. Comp. Edward J. McCleery; for the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Washington, Rt. Ex. Comp. Maurice A. Searle; and for the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Quebec, Rt. Ex. Comp. J. A. M. Taylor.

There remains a recommendation for the Grand Chapter of North Dakota, vacated by Rt. Ex. Comp. Taylor, which should be filled.

Our Grand Representatives can do much to cement the good relations and mutual understanding between Grand Jurisdictions. I am delighted to learn that our Grand Representative, Rt. Ex.

Comp. Charles Fotheringham, paid a visit to the Grand Chapter of Tennessee; Rt. Ex. Comp. J. W. Woodland to Wisconsin; and Rt. Ex. Comp. Carl McEachern was visiting in California and fraternizing with our Grand Representative there, M. Ex. Comp. Angus L. Cavanagh, who, I understand, is to be with us at this Convocation. I am also exceedingly happy in the anticipation that Rt. Ex. Comp. Norman B. Spencer, our Grand Representative to the Grand Chapter of New Zealand, plans to be with us, and we hope he has a wonderful trip and an enjoyable time here and throughout his journeyings. We also expect Rt. Ex. Comp. Oscar E. Peterson, from Wisconsin, M. Ex. Comp. Arthur Osgood, from Quebec, M. Ex. Comp. Arthur L. Miller from Pennsylvania, Rt. Ex. Comp. Clifford A. McDonald from New York, and M. Ex. Comp. Arthur Burke from Michigan. That seems a marvellous possible attendance from our Grand Representatives from abroad and we welcome them most cordially.

Membership

Turning to our membership, I am glad to report we have a net gain for the year, but sorry it is only 579 as against an increase of 758 last year. It brings our total membership to 20,649. Death has laid a heavy hand upon our rolls, 455 being the largest list in years. This is reflected in our life membership, which has fallen to 3824 from 3913 last year. Our withdrawals of 199 are much too high but are again accounted for in adjustments in records and in Chapter membership in the newly warranted Chapters. The following tables present the membership statistics:

Membership

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP

Total Membership		Net Increase over previous year	Life Members
Dec. 31, 1946	17,624	537	4,047
" 31, 1947	18,456	832	4.096
" 31, 1948	19,312	856	4,049
" 31, 1949	20,070		
,	(Adjt. of 10)	758	
		Adjust. of (10)	3,913
" 31, 1950	20,649	579	3,824

	1947	1948	1949	1950
Admissions	1,325	1,317	1,322	1,187
Joinings	79	107	86	100
Restorations	59	52	48	58

Withdrawals	136	132	154	199
Suspensions	117	60	113	112
Deaths	378	428	441	455

Membership by District at December 31st, 1950:

District	Beginning of Year	Year Ending Dec. 31, 1950	Incraese	%	Increase and Percentage for Year 1949	
1.	1,426	1,488	62	4.166	43	3.181
2.	2,191	2,308	117	5.007	86	4.055
3.	819	869	50	5.760	29	3.670
4.	945	949	4	.142	39	4.304
5.	983	994	11	1.106	38	4.002
6.	936	959	23	2.398	78	9.090
7.	841	871	30	3.444	18	2.187
8.	1,957	1,968	11	.555	25	1.294
8A.	1,893	1,896	3	.158	60	3.272
9.	753	759	6	.790	6	.803
10.	1,411	1,416	5	.353	47	3.445
11.	1,011	1,067	56	5.248	27	2.744
12.	1,274	1,298	24	1.850	53	4.365
13.	1,499	1,570	71	4.522	136	9.878
14.	904	955	51	5.363	30	3.444
15.	716	721	5	.693	28	4.069
16.	434	453	19	4.194	2	.046
17.	77	108	31	28.700	3	4.108
	20,070	20,649	579	2.884	748	3.873

Chapters Having Most Exaltations:

Chapter	No.	Location	Exaltations
Carleton	16	Ottawa	48
Sussex-St. Lawrence	59	Brockville	27
Ark	80	Windsor	24
Shuniah	82	Port Arthur	24
Hiawatha	252	Sarnia	24
St. George's	5	London	19
Prince Edward	31	Picton	19
St. Andrew	238	London	18
Golden Star	254	Dryden	18
Palestine	54	St. Thomas	17
Covenant	113	Cornwall	17
The St. Patrick	145	Toronto	17
Klondike	154	Dawson City, Y.T.	17

Chapter Having No Exaltations:

Pembroke	58	Mattawa
Kitchener	210	Russell
Durham	221	Durham

Our Largest Chapters:

Chapter	No.	Location	Members
The St. Patrick	145	Toronto	471
Carleton	16	Ottawa	434
St. George's	5	London	366

Sussex-St. Lawrence	59	Brockville	366
Palestine	54	St. Thomas	357
Occident	77	Toronto	337
Ark	80	Windsor	335
Ancient Frontenac & Cataraqui	1	Kingston	328
Corinthian	36	Peterborough	319
Shuniah	82	Port Arthur	304

Our Smallest Chapters:

Chapter	No.	Location	Members
Niagara	55	Niagara-on-the-Lake	48
Warkworth	110	Warkworth	47
Presqu'Ile	144	Brighton	45
Prince Edward	218	Shelburne	44
Dochert	248	Arnprior	43
Glengarry	143	Maxville	42
Abitibi	223	Iroquois Falls	41
Durham	221	Durham	37
Yukon	256	Whitehorse	32
Pembroke (Inactive)	58	Mattawa	21

Chapters Showing Largest Percentage Net Gain:

No. 255	Tillsonburg, Tillsonburg	100%
No. 254	Golden Star, Dryden	24.05%
No. 214	Vimy, Inwood	19.71
No. 248	Dochert, Arnprior	16.21
No. 218	Prince Edward, Shelburne	15.78
No. 243	McKay, Stoney Creek	15.09
No. 252	Hiawatha, Sarnia	14.41
No. 226	Prince of Wales, Perth	14.16
No. 78	Minnewawa, Parkhill	13.72
No. 74	Beaver, Strathroy	12.30

Chapters having 10% Net Gain		14
Chapters having gain in Membership	109	
Chapters having loss in Membership	35	
Chapters having no change in Membership	11	
	155	

To meet the challenge of what may prove to be more difficult days ahead, I have appointed a special "Membership Committee" for Grand Chapter with Rt. Ex. Comp. Fergus A. McDiarmid as Chairman, and composed of present and past Grand Superintendents for every area of our Jurisdiction, men who should be familiar with the territories. The first essential is to survey the areas of Masonic population and determine if there are Chapters located strategically within those areas. The next duty is to determine why certain areas with Chapter facilities are not meeting the needs of that area, and to try to strengthen the local situation by whatever assistance Grand Chapter can render, in consultation with

the Grand Superintendent of that District. This is not to be a high-pressure approach but, rather, a studied effort to build up a sound foundation upon which can be erected a superstructure which will be at once the pride and the envy of our Masonic brethren. A study of the statistics printed above gives even a casual observer pause for thought. Districts 8 and 8A contain the majority of Craft Masons in the Jurisdiction and the total gain in both Districts was 14 as against 85 last year. There must be a satisfactory answer, and the situation corrected, if Capitular Masonry is to progress and prosper.

DISPENSATIONS

One hundred and twenty-seven (127) Dispensations were issued, as follows:

To attend Divine Service	14
Changing day or hour of opening	58
Advancement of Officers as required by Constitution	12
To permit the Installation of Officers on a day not prescribed in By-Laws	7
To dispense with Convocation in summer months	1
To meet in another Hall	4
Social Functions	21
Waiver of Jurisdiction	7
To permit working of all degrees in one day	1
To permit working of M.E.M. and H.R.A. Degrees on same day	1
To permit conferring a degree on shorter notice than seven days. Section 172	1
Approved the interchange of Eleven Chapters in our Jurisdiction with Chapters outside our Jurisdiction. In most cases a Degree was exemplified.	

RULINGS

It has been necessary to make only three rulings during the past year.

1. It is improper for a Preceptory to confer a Royal Arch Degree in a Chapter, although members of a Preceptory as Royal Arch Masons in good standing and otherwise qualified can confer a degree with the permission and under the direction of the First Principal of the Chapter.

2. It is improper to appear at a Chapter meeting clothed as Knights Templar, with that distinctive uniform and jewels. (Section 279).

3. It is improper to use the triple-tau on all summons. Its

use is reserved for the most important occasions. The use of the triple-tau referred to is the triple-tau alone and used at the top or bottom of the written summons.

AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER BY-LAWS

New By-Laws Approved:

St. George's Chapter, No. 5, London, Ontario.
Willson Chapter, No. 64, Welland, Ontario.
Maitland Chapter, No. 68 Kemptville, Ontario.
Victoria Chapter, No. 205, Thornhill, Ontario.
St. Alban's Chapter, No. 217, Toronto, Ontario.

Amendments to By-Laws Approved:

St. Andrew and St. John Chapter, No. 4, Toronto, Ontario.
Oxford Chapter, No. 18, Woodstock, Ontario.
Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 19, St. Catharines, Ontario.
Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 20, Brantford, Ontario.
Tecumseh Chapter, No. 24, Stratford, Ontario.
Pentalpha Chapter, No. 28, Oshawa, Ontario.
Waterloo Chapter, No. 32, Galt, Ontario.
St. Paul's Chapter, No. 65, Toronto, Ontario.
St. Clair Chapter, No. 75, Milton, Ontario.
Orient Chapter, No. 79, Toronto, Ontario.
Shuniah Chapter, No. 82, Port Arthur, Ontario.
Ionic Chapter, No. 83, Orangeville, Ontario.
MacNabb Chapter, No. 88, Dresden, Ontario.
Covenant Chapter, No. 113, Cornwall, Ontario.
Kitchener Chapter, No. 117, Kitchener, Ontario.
King Cyrus Chapter, No. 119, Leamington, Ontario.
Chantry Chapter, No. 130, Southampton, Ontario.
Ancaster Chapter, No. 155, Dundas, Ontario.
Temiskaming Chapter, No. 169, New Liskeard, Ontario.
Ottawa Chapter, No. 222, Ottawa, Ontario.
Quinte Friendship Chapter, No. 227, Belleville, Ontario.
McKay Chapter, No. 243, Stoney Creek, Ontario.
Humber Chapter, No. 246, Weston, Ontario.
Dochert Chapter, No. 248, Arnprior, Ontario.

It is obviously impossible for me personally to present all the jewels and medals which were authorized by our Grand Chapter, but I have honestly tried wherever possible to present the Fifty Year Jewels for Continuous Membership in our Grand Chapter, and the fifty year bar and twenty-five year Jewel for P.Z's. and particularly the Distinguished Service Medals, the first three of which have been presented during the year, and all of which I was able to pin on the recipient's breast. The conditions under which this medal is awarded have been carefully outlined and it is the intention of Grand Chapter that it shall be the V.C. of Capitular Masonry awarded for services by a Companion below

Grand Chapter rank who is the sole recommendation of his Chapter for this high honor. It is not for just the best man available in each Chapter. It is comparable to the William Mercer Wilson Medal of our Grand Lodge. To prevent embarrassment to candidates for this award, I recommend that the procedure be followed of having the name, age, address, etc., and the qualifications of the Candidate first submitted to the Award Committee through the Grand Scribe E. by the Z. and Scribe E. of the Chapter, when following the favourable unanimous approval of the Award Committee the application will be returned to the Scribe E. of the Chapter to proceed with the steps laid down of having the application approved by the Chapter and forwarded to the Award Committee for final approval. It is manifestly unfair to the proposed recipient to have his name first published on the Summons when, in fact, his qualifications are not of the character which the Award Committee consider as adequate for this decoration, and it may be that the sponsors are too optimistic, but the standard of the Award must be protected. It is a beautiful Medal and Citation.

The following is the list of the jewels and medals and to whom they were presented:

For Fifty Year Installed First Principal:

(Bar added to 25 Year Jewel)

St. John's Chapter, No. 3, London, Ontario—R. Ex. Comp. Oliver Ellwood, 1901-1951.

For Fifty Years a Royal Arch Mason:

The Hiram Chapter, No. 2, Hamilton, Ontario—Comp. Frederick Lunn, 1900-1950; Comp. Leigh N. Woodard, 1899-1950.

St. John's Chapter, No. 3, London, Ontario—Comp. Dr. Edwin Seaborn, 1900-1950.

St. George's Chapter, No. 5, London, Ontario—Comp. Charles E. Bernard, 1899-1950.

Moira Chapter, No. 7, Belleville, Ontario—Comp. Arthur McGie, 1900-1950.

Oxford Chapter, No. 18, Woodstock, Ontario—V. Ex. Comp. Edwin C. Thornton, 1900-1950.

Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 19, St. Catharines, Ontario—Comp. Edward Inwood, 1898-1950; R. Ex. Comp. Albert E. Coombs, 1901-1951.

Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 20, Brantford, Ontario—R. Ex. Comp. Walter Joyce, 1900-1950.

Huron Chapter, No. 30, Goderich, Ontario—Comp. Malcolm G. Nicholson, 1899-1950.

Corinthian Chapter, No. 36, Peterborough, Ontario—Comp. James Hamilton, 1901-1951.

Georgian Chapter, No. 56, Owen Sound, Ontario—Comp. Joseph K. McLaughlin, 1894-1950; Comp. Francis James Davis, 1900-1950.

Enterprise Chapter, No. 67, Palmerston, Ontario—Ex. Comp. Fred Copeland, 1893-1950.

Maitland Chapter, No. 68, Kemptville, Ontario—Comp. Alfred H. Kyle, 1894-1950.

Distinguished Service Medals:

Carleton Chapter, No. 16, Ottawa, Ontario—Comp. W. J. Taylor.

Peel Chapter, No. 195, Brampton, Ontario—Comp. Robert R. Cooper.

Corinthian Chapter, No. 36, Peterborough, Ontario—Comp. Robert Starr.

For 25 Years Installed First Principal:

Ancient Frontenac & Cataraqui Chapter, No. 1, Kingston, Ontario—V. Ex. Comp. Conrad J. Brunke, 1923-1950.

St. John's Chapter, No. 2, Hamilton, Ontario—R. Ex. Comp. John H. Eydt, 1922-1950.

King Solomon's Chapter, No. 8, Toronto, Ontario—Ex. Comp. John Stephen, 1925-1950.

Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 20, Brantford, Ontario—Ex. Comp. Wm. G. Seago, 1924-1950.

Grenville Chapter, No. 22, Prescott, Ontario—V. Ex. Comp. Amos B. Ball, 1916-1950; Ex. Comp. Percy R. Barnard, 1921-1950; R. Ex. Comp. A. Ivan Lane, 1923-1950; Ex. Comp. Dr. Charles F. Williams, 1924-1950 R. Ex. Comp. Edwin A. Cook, 1925-1950; Ex. Comp. James E. Williams, 1926-1951.

St. Mark's Chapter, No. 26, Trenton, Ontario—Ex. Comp. W. W. Miller, 1921-1950; Ex. Comp. W. R. McClung, 1925-1950; Ex. Comp. A. W. Kinnear, 1926-1951.

Pentalpha Chapter, No. 28, Oshawa, Ontario—V. Ex. Comp. Norman W. Purdy, 1925-1950.

Huron Chapter, No. 30, Goderich, Ontario—R. Ex. Comp. Harry B. M. Ticheborne, 1923-1950; Ex. Comp. James J. McEwan, 1920-1950; H. Ex. Comp. Hugh Hill, 1922-1950; V. Ex. Comp. George MacVicar, 1925-1950.

Keystone Chapter, No. 35, Whitby, Ontario—V. Ex. Comp. Robert McNee, 1925-1950.

Guelph Chapter, No. 40, Guelph, Ontario—V. Ex. Comp. Thomas E. Cotton, 1925-1950.

Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 44, Napanee, Ontario—Ex. Comp. Datus R. Sharpe, 1924-1950.

St. John's Chapter, No. 48, Cobourg, Ontario—Ex. Comp. Albert E. Challis, 1924-1950.

King Hiram Chapter, No. 57, Port Colborne, Ontario—R. Ex. Comp. John S. Allen, 1923-1950; Ex. Comp. Henry P. Roe, 1924-1950.

Willson Chapter, No. 64, Welland, Ontario—Ex. Comp. Francis M. Brown, 1922-1950; Ex. Comp. Henry W. Ort, 1923-1950; Ex. Comp. John F. Thorpe, 1924-1950.

St. Paul's Chapter, No. 65, Toronto, Ontario—R. Ex. Comp. E. W. E. Saunders, 1917-1950; Ex. Comp. R. W. Mann, 1923-1950.

Mount Nebo Chapter, No. 76, Niagara Falls, Ontario—R. Ex. Comp. Charles H. Sheppard, 1925-1950.

Occident Chapter, No. 77, Toronto, Ontario—Ex. Comp. J. Harold Corner, 1924-1950.

Shuniah Chapter, No. 82, Port Arthur, Ontario—R. Ex. Comp. Edward Cocker, 1923-1950; R. Ex. Comp. Harold Stanworth, 1925-1950; Ex. Comp. John Charles H. Wink, 1924-1950.

Golden Chapter, No. 90, Kenora, Ontario—R. Ex. Comp. Nelson Schnarr, 1910-1950.

Toronto-Antiquity Chapter, No. 91, Toronto, Ontario—Ex. Comp. W. J. Dunlop, 1924-1950.

White Oak Chapter, No. 104, Oakville, Ontario—Ex. Comp. S. F. Wiffen, 1924-1950.

Brant Chapter, No. 115, Paris, Ontario—R. Ex. Comp. William Finlayson, 1919-1950; R. Ex. Comp. B. C. Brown, 1923-1950; Ex. Comp. Roy Stephenson, 1925-1950.

Chantry Chapter, No. 130, Southampton, Ontario—R. Ex. Comp. Ray A. Trelford, 1925-1950.

Leeds Chapter, No. 132, Gananoque, Ontario—R. Ex. Comp. Albert Harris, 1926-1951.

St. Francis Chapter, No. 133, Smiths Falls, Ontario—Ex. Comp. Raney A. Arnold, 1922-1950; V. Ex. Comp. James F. Grant, 1923-1950.

Shekinah Chapter, No. 138, Toronto, Ontario—Ex. Comp. Wm. H. McMillan, 1924-1950.

The St. Patrick Chapter, No. 145, Toronto, Ontario—V. Ex. Comp. Richard H. Dee, 1925-1950.

St. John's Chapter, No. 148, Vankleek Hill, Ontario—Ex. Comp. Wm. Hall, 1926-1951.

Alberton Chapter, No. 152, Fort Frances, Ontario—Ex. Comp. Alex. J. Scott, 1921-1950; V. Ex. Comp. Albert H. Watson, 1923-1950.

The Hamilton Chapter, No. 175, Hamilton, Ontario—Ex. Comp. John E. Riddell, 1925-1950.

Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 212, Toronto, Ontario—Ex. Comp. Edward P. Bernstein, 1923-1950.

Ottawa Chapter, No. 222, Ottawa, Ontario—Ex. Comp. Ernest R. Eastman, 1925-1950.

Keystone Chapter, No. 224, Hamilton, Ontario—R. Ex. Comp. Robert Clark, 1926-1951.

Beaver Chapter, No. 225, Toronto, Ontario—V. Ex. Comp. Edward S. Calder, 1926-1951.

Quinte Friendship Chapter, No. 227, Belleville. Ontario—R. Ex. Comp. James W. Kinnear, 1925-1950.

King Cyrus Chapter, No. 232, Toronto, Ontario—Ex. Comp. William H. Hedges, 1923-1950; Ex. Comp. Bert Sproule, 1924-1950; V. Ex. Comp. Fred Powers, 1925-1950.

Oakwood Chapter, No. 233, Toronto, Ontario—Ex. Comp. Calvin F. Bolton, 1923-1950.

I wish to take this opportunity of congratulating all the recipients and of thanking those who deputized from Grand Chapter in making these presentations, particularly Rt. Ex. Comp. Angus Cavanagh of California who presented a 50-year Jewel to Comp. L. N. Woodard in Los Angeles, California; our late and highly esteemed friend M. Ex. Comp. John MacLeod who presented a 50-year Jewel to Ex. Comp. Fred Copeland in Mission City, B.C.; Rt. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw who presented the bar and Jewel for 50 years a P.Z. to Rt. Ex. Comp. Oliver Ellwood in London, and M. Ex. Comp. Fred Dean who presented a 50-year Jewel to Rt. Ex. Comp. Albert E. Coombs at St. Catharines.

FINANCES

Examination of our financial position shows a satisfactory year. Our actual revenues exceeded our estimates and our expenditures were less than we budgeted for. In the individual items of Revenue only the Estimated Life Membership dues were greater than the actual receipts and this was caused by a remarkable drop in our life members. This year our expenses will be higher, after the most careful investigation of alternatives. We had to renew our office lease for five years from March 1st, 1951, at $1380.00 per year, an increase of $565.00. After my association with the Grand Chapter Office during the past two years, I am satisfied that the remuneration of our Staff should be increased to meet the rising living costs and to compensate for the work done and the most satisfactory way it is being performed. More copies of our Annual Proceedings must be secured if the 2nd and 3rd Principals of every Chapter are to receive copies, in addition to the Z. and S.E. as at present. The result of the semi-annual returns has eased our midyear financing problems and has worked out exceedingly well from the point of Chapter co-operation, considering it was a new system. It should prove increasingly satisfactory to both Scribes E. of Chapters and the G.S.E.

Our Auditor is most conscientious and efficient and gives our affairs a great deal of his time and attention. A system of taking care of constituent Chapters' Life Membership funds deposited with Grand Chapter has been begun, so that Chapters having small amounts to invest to establish Life Membership equities can now effectively utilize the Grand Chapter facilities.

The separate Funds of Grand Chapter are now set up so as to be easily interpreted. The Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund shows an increase, after deducting Benevolent grants of $727.77. I wish to particularly thank those Companions who contributed to this Fund during the past year and showed their interest in the progress of our Royal Craft by presenting me with a cheque for this Fund. Our thanks are due our Committee on Benevolence, who have given such faithful service during the year.

Despite increases in our expenditures, I forsee no reason for an operating deficit in the conduct of our affairs, unless some heavy calamity befalls us.

In regard to Chapters applying for Life Membership certifi-

cates for Companions who have paid their $10.00 commutation fee, it must be understood that Grand Chapter accepts the commutation fee and issues a certificate only after the Companion has satisfied the conditions of Section 246 of the Constitution and there has been deposited with his Chapter the necessary funds according to the tables to establish his Life Membership in the Chapter.

In this connection also, it has developed that the tables shown in Section 246, which show amounts for ages between 21 and 75, should be extended to age 90 and I recommend that, when next printed, the table be extended, as follows:

76	$5.07	81	$3.65	86	$2.49
77	4.77	82	3.39	87	2.29
78	4.47	83	3.15	88	2.11
79	4.19	84	2.92	89	1.93
80	3.91	85	2.70	90	1.76

This is a continuation of the same Mortality Table as the previously published figures.

The work of the Royal Arch Masons' Welfare Committee of Districts 8 and 8A, of Toronto, has been continued with signal success, bringing happiness to hundreds of under-privileged children and their mothers by transporting them to the Summer Camp at Bronte and in providing comforts and cheer with monthly visits to the Red Chevron Hospital. I understand the Committee has publicized their work by taking action movies of their good deeds and showing these at convenient times and places, thereby adding to their financial support. May the new Officers of the Committee continue to uphold the fine tradition of service.

The work on the revision of our Constitution is progressing but is not yet ready for presentation for the approval of Grand Chapter. We have a good Constitution but it needs to be coordinated and that is largely the work of an expert, and we have one working on it now. The one amendment proposed this year follows the precedent established by Grand Lodge in similar circumstances, so that election to the Grand Executive will be recognized as equivalent to election to a Grand Chapter office and carrying the title of "Right Excellent," and an appointed member of the Grand Executive will be entitled to the title of "Very Excellent," or the equivalent of any other Grand Chapter appointed rank.

In reading the great number of Chapter summons which come to my desk, I note an increasing practice of officially announcing degree practices to be held on Sunday. This is an improper procedure. The Companions can arrange their private time and pursuits to meet their own convenience and conscience and, perhaps, such activities as degree practices are among the most desirable and beneficial on the Lord's Day, but no official Masonic business is done on Sunday, except Divine Service or a Masonic funeral.

Two Chapters requested dispensations to hold social gatherings, under Chapter auspices on Sunday evening, December 31st, 1950. I had to refuse such permission as it had previously been ruled in 1945 by Most Ex. Comp. Burden that a New Year's social function under the auspices of a Royal Arch Chapter could not commence before midnight Sunday.

Two disastrous fires, one in the Kenora Masonic Temple and the other in the Masonic Temple in St. Thomas, and another only slightly less serious in Perth, have brought grievous loss to our Companions in these centres and a consequent disruption of their activities, which has been partially alleviated by the ready offer of assistance and accommodation by their neighbouring Chapters and Lodges. In many instances, financial assistance has been collected and donated by the Royal Arch Masons in the District. I heartily commend this fine fraternal spirit which has prompted this assistance, and, at the same time, I would strongly recommend that all Chapters again immediately take stock of their insurance coverage against such occurrences and see that adequate provision is made in case of loss and, further, that all possible precautions be taken that records are protected and that fire does not originate in Chapter premises. To the Chapters so affected, we offer our most sincere sympathy and such tangible assistance as may be possible.

I wish to acknowledge, with deep appreciation, the great courtesy extended by the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Saskatchewan by creating me an Honorary Life Member of their Grand Chapter on the occasion of my visit to Regina, and to the following Chapters of this Jurisdiction who extended to me the honour and privilege of Honorary Life Membership in their constituent Chapters: London Chapter No. 150, Sombra Chapter No. 153, St. Andrew and St. John No. 4, Carleton Chapter No. 16, The St.

Patrick's Chapter No. 145, Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui No. 1, Quinte Friendship No. 227, Moira Chapter No. 7, and Prince of Wales Chapter No. 71.

To be esteemed worthy of these high and continuing associations with my Companions is indeed the highest tribute.

I would like to commend to the Companions the service rendered by our Grand Chapter Library and Comp. A. E. MacGregor, the recently appointed Librarian, who is carrying on these duties so acceptably. We record our most sincere regret at the passing of Comp. N. W. J. Haydon on December 21st, who, for so many years, took such a deep interest in the Library and Masonic history and tradition. We extend to his widow our sincerest sympathy.

We are exceedingly concerned to learn of the serious illness of our faithful Grand Chaplain, Rt. Ex. Comp. V. Rev. Dr. Charles H. MacDonald, who has been confined to hospital for several weeks. We pray that the Great Physician will be pleased to heal his infirmities and restore him to health and strength and the fellowship of his home, the service of the Christian ministry, and the Companionship of his brethren. Our Grand Chaplain has attended several meetings with me and added greatly to their success.

I wish to record here the special assistance received from my correspondence with my pen-friend Ex. Comp. and Wor. Bro. G. S. Shepherd-Jones, O.B.E., of the Aldersgate Chapter of Improvement, No. 1657, London, England, whose researches and studies in Masonic symbolism and the contribution of the Holy Royal Arch to our Masonic system, have been most stimulating and helpful, as well as greatly appreciated. May his special concern for the Royal Masonic Hospital, for whose financial assistance he dedicates so much of his work, be abundantly rewarded.

My most heartfelt and sincere thanks goes out to all those who, by their constant support and encouragement in all the duties and responsibilities of this office for the past two years, have been of such great help. It is, perhaps, invidious to record names out of such a host of friends and associates to whom I owe such deep gratitude, but I would like the privilege of listing just a few.

First of all, the Grand Superintendents, who have served so

faithfully in their several Districts. Sometimes I think it somewhat unfair, with what must of necessity under present circumstances be a rushed and inadequate preparation for their arduous and responsible duties, that so much should be expected of them. But I have heard little complaint and they have done their best, which their reports will indicate.

We have difficulties to overcome in the Chapters at Mattawa and Russell. I have not taken official action because of conditions which time and further application to the local situations, will, in my judgment, bring the Chapters back into full participation in Capitular work. In both cases we are actively concerned.

There have been some cases where the Grand Superintendent elected was Scribe E. of his Chapter. It should be noted that no man ought to hold both these positions simultaneously. There is a ruling to that effect.

My special thanks is tendered Most Ex. Comp. R. V. Conover and Rt. Ex. Comp. Fred J. Johnson for installing Rt. Ex. Comp. Carl F. Ackert as G.S. of Wellington District No. 4 in his home Chapter in Galt. He was unable to be present at Grand Chapter last year because of the fatal illness of his mother. He has since suffered the further bereavement of his father and we extend to him our most sincere sympathy.

Also, my thanks is extended to M. Ex. Comp. Alex. Davidson, G.Z. of British Columbia for journeying from Vancouver to Victoria to present Ex. Comp. Albert E. Challis, of St. John's Chapter No. 48, Cobourg, with his 25 year P.Z.'s jewel.

My special appreciation goes to the Companions of Temiskaming District, who travelled great distances through bad winter weather, to attend my reception at Kirkland Lake.

To the Grand Chapter Office, Rt. Ex. Comp. Fred J. Johnson and Miss Colling, who have done everything possible during the last two years to be helpful in the performance of every duty required of them to assist me and to further the cause of Royal Arch Masonry, I tender my grateful thanks.

No words of mine can express my full appreciation of the wonderful support and co-operation, encouragement, and counsel received at all times from the other members of the Grand Council and the Advisory Committee of Past Grand First Principals. In

seven years of close application to the affairs of Grand Chapter, and in the last two years when the responsibilities of office were the most heavy, there could never be more friendly and understanding co-operation and help than has existed between these Companions, collectively and individually. I hope and pray that Royal Arch Masonry has benefitted by our united endeavours.

And lastly, and very personally, I would record my most grateful thanks to the Staff in my Office in Ottawa, without whose understanding and loyal support, far beyond the routine of clerical assistance, has made possible the diverting of my time and energies to the fulfilment of my obligation of this high office.

And so the record closes. I undertook this task in the hope that a great deal could be done to bring the Holy Royal Arch into wide appreciation and greater participation of Craft Masons. More than ever am I convinced that Craft and Royal Craft are bound together as one whole entity in the development of a good man, who has learned to live a life in favour with God and with his fellowmen. Masonry is not a religion, nor in any sense a substitute for any man's religion, but it is religious, and the "handmaid of Religion." Freemasonry is universal and yet, through its marvellous symbolism, every man can be led to a more fervent appreciation of the truths and realities of his religious faith. This is because Masonry teaches the fundamentals of men's brotherhood as children of one God and Father. It is not fair to say that the Craft is concerned only with the material aspects of this relationship, for the spiritual pervades the material in all Masonic teachings, but it is particularly in the Holy Royal Arch that the spiritual attains its supreme discovery. This is the highest mission of our Capitular system, and to complete its purposes requires the best contribution any can give in time, substance and intellect, and it will still be better than any of us can appreciate, because it symbolizes that which man's finite mind can only partially grasp.

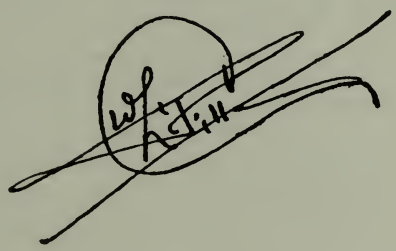
It is said that Handel, the great composer, dedicated many of his brilliant symphonies and oratorios to his patron, the Prince of Hanover, afterwards King George of England, but when he composed "The Messiah," it was to "The King of Kings." In recording his feelings during its composition, he said something

like this, "I thought I saw the heaven of heavens opened—and The Great God."

My Companions, that sense of exaltation of the heart and spirit of every new Companion as he leaves the Chapter Room as a Royal Arch Mason, is the objective and the culmination of all my service to this Grand Chapter.

"Rise up O men of God.
Have done with lesser things.
Give heart and soul and mind and strength
To serve the King of Kings."

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,



Grand Z

ADDENDUM:

Since writing this Report, on the unanimous recommendation of the Grand Chapter Executive, as required by Section 88A of the Constitution, as Grand "Z", I have conferred upon Companion Thomas Hamilton Simpson, of The Hamilton Chapter, No. 175 G.R.C. of Hamilton, Immediate Past Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A.F.&A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, the rank of Past Zerubbabel for most distinguished service rendered the Craft and Freemasonry, his installation and investiture to be arranged by The Hamilton Chapter, No. 175, associated with Grand Chapter on November 20th, 1951 in the City of Hamilton, Ontario.

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. J. A. M. Taylor, and—

Resolved,—That the address of the Most Ex., the Grand Z. be referred to the Committee on the Grand Z's Address, to report thereon during the present Convocation of Grand Chapter.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT NO. 1

Rt. Ex. Companion Lowell B. Boyle, Chatham, Ontario
Grand Superintendent

It gives me great pleasure to present my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the St. Clair District No. 1.

I want to express my thanks to the Principals and Past Principals of the District who honored my Chapter and myself when they elected me to the office of Grand Superintendent of the District, and I also want to thank Most Excellent Companion Clarence MacLeod Pitts fhe Grand First Principal for his confirmation of my election to that high office.

My first duty was to appoint Ex. Comp. John Gilchrist of Blenheim Chapter, No. 239 as my Secretary to whom I extend my sincere thanks for the efficient manner in which he performed those duties and for his loyal support. Also my thanks to Rt. Ex. Companion Harold Roach and Rt. Ex. Companion V. R. Weatherhead for their kindly advise and assistance.

It was my pleasure, at the request of the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal to present to Companion Malcolm G. Nicholson of Huron Chapter, No. 30 of Goderich his 50 year Jewel. Companion Nicholson is at present residing in Windsor, Ont. and arrangements were made for this presentation to be made in Ark Chapter No. 80 on the occasion of their Past Principals night June 19th. but owing to illness Companion Nicholson was unable to attend and the Grand Superintendent accompanied by several members of Ark Chapter made the presentation at his home.

Annual Church Services were held by the following Chapters:

King Cyrus Chapter, No. 119 Leamington, Sunday, June 4th.

Sombra Chapter, No. 153, Wallaceburg, Sunday, Oct. 22nd.

Ark Chapter, No. 80, Windsor, Sunday, Oct. 29th

Thomas Peters Chapter, No. 250, Windsor, Sunday, Jan. 21st

A very fine turnout at each of these services and the Grand Superintendent was in attendance at three of these services.

Visits of Inspection were made as follows:—

Sept.	18th	Erie Chapter, No. 73, Ridgetown
Oct.	2nd	Sombra Chapter, No. 153, Wallaceburg
Oct.	4th	Blenheim Chapter, No. 239, Blenheim
Oct.	6th	Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 71, Amherstburg
Oct.	11th	Thomas Peters Chapter, No. 250, Windsor
Oct.	12th	Wellington Chapter, No. 47, Chatham
Oct.	24th	MacNabb Chapter, No. 88, Dresden
Nov.	8th	King Cyrus Chapter, No. 119, Leamington
Nov.	17th	Lorne Chapter, No. 164, West Lorne
Nov.	20th	Ark Chapter, No. 80, Windsor

On each of these visits the reception was cordial and the greatest courtesy and respect paid the representative of the Grand First Principal.

Degrees were conferred at each of these visits with one exception, and the Grand Superintendent is satisfied that Chapter is capable of conferring the degress in a satisfactory manner.

It was also my pleasure to be the guest of honour and to assist in the Installation of Officers of Seven Chapters of the District.

The Sympathy of the District was extended to Thomas Peters Chapter, No. 250 Windsor, following the death of their First Principal Excellent Companion C. A. Whitelaw.

On Thursday, December 7th, Wellington Chapter, No. 47, Chatham held a Grand Superintendents night the Grand Superintendent presiding and the Offices being held by Past Grand Superintendents of the District The Holy Arch Degree was conferred on seven candidates after which a lunch was served to all present, a very pleasant and instructive evening.

St. Clair District was honoured by two visits during the year from the Most Excellent Companion the Grand First Principal Clarence MacLeod Pitts.

A Banquet by Sombra Chapter, No. 153 at Wallaceburg, at which the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal was the guest speaker, he was accompanied on this visit by Rt. Ex. Comp. A. N.

Bradshaw, Grand H. and Rt. Ex. Comp. Fred J. Johnson, Grand Scribe E.

Also on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 71, Amherstburg The Most Excellent the Grand First Principal was the guets speaker. He was accompanied on this visit by Rt. Ex. Comp. Fred J. Johnson, Grand Scribe E. On each of these occasions the Most Excellent gave a most inspiring address.

It was my pleasure to visit Ark. Chapter, No. 80 on the occasion of the Annual Visit of Port Lawrence Chapter of Toledo, Ohio, also to accompany Ark Chapter on the International Night at Ionic Chapter at Detroit, Mich. I was also permitted to attend the International Night and Blue Water Conference held at Sarnia, Ont. under the auspices of Hiawatha Chapter, No. 252, these were very happy occasions and it is very gratifying to see the Companionship that exists between this Grand Body and those of the United States.

I was permitted to attend and assist in the Dedication Ceremony and presentation of Charter to Tillsonburg Chapter, No. 255 and I was in attendance at the field day held at London, Ont. and had the pleasure of witnessing the Degrees conferred by The Grand Council assisted by Grand Chapter Officers. All of which it is needless to say has been a great inspiration to me.

In conclusion I wish to express my deepest feeling of gratitude to the Royal Arch Masons of St. Clair District for all the kindness shown me at all times.

LONDON DISTRICT, NO. 2

Rt. Ex. Comp. Abraham Cavanagh, London, Ont.

Grand Superintendent

As my term of office as Grand Superintendent draws to a close, it is with great pleasure I present my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in London District, No. 2.

First I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to the Companions of London District, No. 2 for the honour conferred on me in electing me to the office of Grand Superintendent; also to Most Ex. Comp. Clarence M. Pitts for his confirmation of my election.

My first pleasant duty was to appoint Ex. Comp. Alf. Folmer as my District Secretary: my sincere thanks to him for his assistance

and the very efficient manner in which he performed his duties. My thanks also to Rt. Ex. Comp. Bailie Stothers, Rt. Ex. Comp. Wm. Parker, V. Ex. Comps. Harry Abel and C. W. Few and other Companions who accompanied me on my official visits.

On May the 29th I held a Chapter of Instrutcion in the Masonic Temple, London. There was a good representation from the Chapters in the District—over 45 Companions being present. On that occasion I endeavoured to pass on to the officers present the instructions I received when installed as Grand Superintendent. I was assisted by our Grand Second Principal Rt. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, Rt. Ex. Comp. G. T. Martin and V. Ex. Comp. Harry Abel to whom I extend my sincere thanks for their valuable assistance.

On June 4th I attended a joint Divine Service of Wawanosh and Hiawatha Chapters in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Sarnia, which was very well attended by the Sarnia Companions.

On June 2nd I accompanied the Companions of St. George's Chapter, No. 5 on a fraternal visit to the Companions of Lebanon Chapter, Wingham and again on June 10th to Quinte Friendship Chapter, Belleville.

On June 22nd I visited the St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 238, London and had the pleasure of presenting their Scribe E.-V. Ex. Comp. A. N. Sedgwick with his Grand Chapter regalia and again on June 23rd at St. George's Chapter, No. 5, I presented V. Ex. Comp. C. W. Few, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies with his Grand Chapter regalia.

On all my visits of inspection I was properly received and accorded the honours due the representative of the Most Excellent the Grand Z.

My visits of inspection were as follows:

Sept. 20th	Bruce Chapter, No. 53, Petrolia
Sept. 29th	St. George's Chapter, No. 5, London
Oct. 3rd	St. Paul's Chapter, No. 242, Lambeth
Oct. 5th	Aylmer Chapter, No. 81, Aylmer
Oct. 9th	Vimy Chapter, No. 214, Inwood
Oct. 12th	Palestine Chapter, No. 54, St. Thomas
Oct. 13th	Wawanosh Chapter, No. 15, Sarnia

Oct. 16th Minnewawa Chapter, No. 78, Parkhill
Oct. 24th St. John's Chapter, No. 3, London
Nov. 3rd Beaver Chapter, No. 74, Strathroy
Nov. 6th Hiawatha Chapter No. 252, Sarnia
Nov. 16th Nilestown Chapter No. 247, Nilestown
Nov. 21st London Chapter, No. 150, London
Nov. 23rd The St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 238, London

On each visit a Degree was conferred and I found the officers of all Chapters most efficient in their work.

On Sunday, October 8th, District Divine Service was held in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, Ontario. The Preacher for this occasion was Bro. The Very Rev. R. Charles Brown, M.A., D.D., Rector of the Cathedral and Dean of Huron. This service was attended by 100 Companions of the District, amongst whom was our Grand Second Principal, Rt. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, who assisted at the reading of the second lesson.

On October 10th I had the pleasure of attending the dedication of Tillsonburg Chapter, No. 255 in Wilson District No. 3.

One of the outtsanding events of my term of office was the visit of our Grand First Principal, Most Excellent Comp. Clarence M. Pitts to London District on October 28th, for our Field Day, at which some 80 candidates were received into Royal Arch Masonry. On this occasion I had the pleasure of entertaining the Most Excellent the Grand Z and members of the Grand Council at luncheon at the Hotel London and again receiving them in open Chapter in the Masonic Temple the same evening when our Grand Z and his officers conferred the Royal Arch Degree on the 80 candidates who had the same day received their Mark and Most Excellent Masters Degree.

I had the pleasure of acting as Chairman at the banquet held in the Masonic Temple the same evening when Most Ex. Comp. Clarence M. Pitts was the Guest Speaker, introduced by our Grand Second Principal Rt. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, after which he presented a 50 year Jewel to Comp. Dr. Seaborn and again on the following morning I accompanied our Grand Z to the home of Comp. C. E. Bernard to whom he presented another 50 year Jewel.

I am deepy indebted to Rt. Ex. Comp. Bailie Stothers who was General Chairman of the Field Day Committee; to Rt. Ex. Comp.

Teasell and his officers who conferred the Mark Master Mason Degree; Rt. Ex. Comp. Wm. Parker and his officers who conferred the Most Excellent Master Degree; Rt. Ex. Comp. Joe Carson and Ex. Comp. Ben Scott for their assistance on this occasion, an event long to be remembered in Royal Arch Masonry in London District.

On December 5th I attended a very successful and well attended Ladies' Night of St. George's Chapter, No. 5. This is the first Ladies' Night this Chapter has held for many years—we hope it is only a beginning and that it will become an annual event for this Chapter.

On January 16th, 1951, I attended and assisted at the joint Installation of Officers in the Masonic Temple, London, when the officers of the seven local Chapters were installed.

On January 22nd I had the pleasure of attending International Night sponsored by Hiawatha Chapter, No. 252, Sarnia, when a number of distinguished visitors were present from the United States; our own Grand Chapter being represented by Most Ex. Comp. Fred Dean who acted as chairman, and Rt. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw who proposed the toast to the Grand Chapters of the United States.

My sincere sympathy to St. John's Chapter, No. 3 who lost one of its most active Companions, V. Ex. Comp. Stuart Campbell, who died after a short illness on Sunday, November 19th and whose Scribe E., Rt. Ex. Comp. Jas. Elgie is now seriously ill in hospital.

I regret to report that Palestine Chapter, No. 54, St. Thomas, lost its Chapter Room and all its possessions in a fire which destroyed the Masonic Temple in St. Thomas on Sunday, January 28th. I congratulate Aylmer and St. Paul's Chapter on granting them the use of their Chapter Rooms until new accommodation is available in St. Thomas.

In general Royal Arch Masonry in London District, No. 2 has made very good progress, particularly the smaller Chapters which have shown a considerable increase in membership during the past year.

The financial standing of most Chapters in the District can be described as good, although in my opinion the dues and affiliation fees of some Chapters are too low, when compared with present day costs of operating a Chapter.

In conclusion I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to all Officers and Companions of the District for their kindness and co-operation during my year as Grand Superintendent. It has been one of the outstanding years in my Masonic career. The past year has brought me many new and valuable experiences and many new and treasured friends. It has been a year I cannot measure in practical terms nor in suitable words.

WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 3

Rt. Ex. Comp. Francis M. Reid, Simcoe, Ont.
Grand Superintendent

As my term of office as Grand Superintendent of Wilson District, No. 3 draws to a close, it is a great pleasure for me to submit for your consideration my report on the condition and activities of Royal Arch Masonry in this District.

I wish first to express my appreciation to the Principals and Past Principals of the District for the high honour conferred upon me by them in electing me to the office of Grand Superintendent and also to express to the Grand First Principal my appreciation for confirming the election.

To Ex. Comp. William Johnson who very kindly accepted my invitation to act as District Secretary, I also wish at this time to express my heartfelt appreciation for the assistance he has rendered to the Royal Craft and myself in performing the duties of this important office. His knowledge of Masonry and of Wilson District has been a constant source of inspiration to me throughout the year and he has accompanied me on my visits both Official and Fraternal and has performed his duties in a most capable manner.

Royal Arch Masonry has prospered during the year ended December 31st, 1950, in Wilson District. A gain of 50 has been made in the number of Royal Arch Masons in the District. Seventy-nine candidates have been accepted for membership and 68 of these initiated and the incoming officers for 1951 have 11 candidates left over to start their year's work, thus providing them with degree activity for the commencement of their term of office. It is with much sorrow I also record the passing to the Grand Chapter Above of 19 of our members.

Wilson District has been greatly honoured in the year now drawing to a close in having had the very good fortune of enjoying three official visits by the Grand First Principal. On June 23rd Oxford Chapter, No. 18 was the host to a District meeting when the Royal Arch Degree was conferred, on three sons-in-law of Ex. Comp. J. Jupp a Past First Principal of 25 years standing of this Chapter, and on the son of another Companion. One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation by the Most Ex. Grand First Principal of a 25 year Past Z Jewel to Ex. Comp. J. Jupp and a 50 year Jewel to Ex. Comp. E. C. Thornton, both of Oxford Chapter. Most Ex. Comp. Pitts gave a very inspiring address to a large number of Royal Arch Masons present on this occasion.

Acting on behalf of the Grand First Principal I attended in Brantford and presented a 50 year Jewel to Rt. Ex. Comp. W. Joyce of Mt. Horeb Chapter, who due to illness had been unable to be present at the Woodstock Convocation and receive from the hands of our Grand First Principal the token of Royal Arch Masonry's esteem. A very enjoyable evening was spent with Rt. Ex. Comp. Joyce at his home and I am pleased to report that on that occasion he was feeling much better than he had on the occasion of the Woodstock Convocation.

Tillsonburg Chapter, No. 255 had the distinct pleasure of receiving its Charter from the hands of The Grand First Principal and having its lovely Chapter Rooms dedicated on Tuesday, October 10th, 1950, when the members of Grand Council accompanied The Most Ex. The Grand Z to Tillsonburg for this important milestone in Royal Arch Masonry in Wilson District.

To Ex. Comp. R. D. MacDonald the present First Principal of Tillsonburg goes credit for working out many of the details incident to the visit of the Grand First Principal on that occasion and also for arranging with the Ladies of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Tillsonburg, to cater for a sumptuous turkey banquet preceding the dedication ceremonies in the Chapter Room.

For the information of the companions who may not be acquainted with Ex. Comp. R. D. MacDonald, it is of interest to note that he is the Pastor in charge of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and the son of our much beloved Chaplain Rt. Ex. Comp. Very Rev. Charles H. MacDonald who also was present and assisted in

the ceremonies of the occasion and also introduced the Speaker of the evening The Most Ex. Grand Z.

An important date in the annals of Royal Arch Masonry in Wilson District will be April 16th when The Most Ex. Grand First Principal will again journey to this District in order to dedicate the Chapter Room of Brant Chapter, No. 115 in Paris. The Chapter has arranged for a banquet to precede the ceremonies and the District is looking forward with anticipation to again listening to an address by The Grand Z.

In accordance with the constitution I met all of the principals of the various Chapters within 60 days of my election by visiting them in their several Chapters and discussed with them the problems of the year and the programmes to be followed.

Acting in conjunction with the Principals Association of Wilson District a Chapter of Instruction was conducted at Harris Chapter, No. 41, Ingersoll on Wednesday 6th September, when a selected team from the whole District exemplified the Most Ex. Master Degree. At the conclusion of the degree work a discussion took place and instructions were issued.

The following is the record of my official visitation:

Oct. 11th	Regal Chapter, No. 253, Port Dover
Oct. 13th	Harris Chapter, No. 41, Ingersoll
Oct. 27th	Oxford Chapter, No. 18, Woodstock
Nov. 3rd	Mt. Horeb Chapter, No. 20, Brantford
Nov. 9th	Ezra Chapter, No. 23, Simcoe
Nov. 20th	Brant Chapter, No. 115, Paris
Feb. 6th	Tillsonburg Chapter, No. 255, Tillsonburg

On each occasion I was received most cordially with Grand Honours and given a very warm welcome as the Representative of the Grand First Principal.

On each visit a degree was conferred and work performed in an efficient manner. Officers in this District are sincere and conscientious in their work and eager to adopt suggestions offered by Grand Chapter in the manner of obtaining uniformity in degree work. The manual of instructions issued by Grand Chapter has proved very useful in this district towards attaining this end.

Besides my official visits I have visited each Chapter on at least two occasions when I have had an enthusiastic welcome and enjoyed many fine evenings with work well performed in all instances.

As representative of Wilson District I attended the Field Day arranged by Rt. Ex. Comp. A. Cavanagh, District Superintendent London District, and was much impressed by the success of this occasion when a record number of new Royal Arch Masons received the Holy Royal Arch Degree with the Grand Council acting as the Council, culminating a day which will be remembered for a long time throughout the whole district.

I also had the honour of attending a Reception given by the Royal Arch Masons of the two Toronto Districts honouring the Most Ex. Grand First Principal C. M. Pitts.

This District mourns the loss of Rt. Ex. Comp. James Martin of Beachville who was the Grand Superintendent of this District in 1940. Acting on behalf of The Most Ex. Grand First Principal and Council I attended the funeral services where a very large number of Masons from throughout this area assembled to pay their last respects to one who will be deeply missed from our presence.

The condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Wilson District No. 3 is in a very satisfactory condition. All Chapters have very efficient officers and work is on a high standard. The financial position is good but with the increased cost of supplies, consideration may have to be given by some Chapters to raising the dues and initiation fees which are still on a pre-second world war basis in many instances and should be brought up to present day levels.

In closing I wish to thank all the Companions throughout the District who have in many ways contributed to the work and progress made during the past year and made it a memorable and outstanding one in my Masonic career. I shall always treasure and cherish the happy memories of my term of office and the friendship and kindness of the Companions shown me on every occasion.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 4

Rt. Ex. Comp. F. C. Ackert, Galt, Ontario,
Grand Superintendent

It is with much pleasure that I submit my report on the condition of Capitulary Masonry in Wellington District, No. 4.

First I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Companions of Wellington District for the high honour they conferred upon me in electing me to the office of Grand Superintendent for the year 1950, and to the Most Excellent the Grand Z. C. M. Pitts for confirming the same.

Immediately following my election I appointed Ex. Comp. H. R. Baer as my secretary and I am indebted to him for his support during my term of office.

My Inspection visits were as follows:

June 14 Prince Edward Chapter, No. 218, Shelbourne.
Oct. 3 Ionic Chapter, No. 83, Orangeville
Oct. 10 Enterprise Chapter, No. 67, Palmerston
Oct. 19 Durham Chapter, No. 221, Durham
Oct. 20 Halton Chapter, No. 234, Georgetown
Nov. 3 Kitchener Chapter, No. 117, Kitchener
Nov. 10 Guelph Chapter, No. 40, Guelph
Nov. 16 Waterloo Chapter, No. 32, Galt
Nov. 21 Preston Chapter, No. 245, Preston.

I was properly received with a warm welcome in each Chapter as the representative of the Grand First Principal, and the loyalty towards Grand Chapter was expressed by all the Companions.

On all my visits of Inspection, with one exception, I witnessed the conferring of degrees and the work is being done in a very good manner throughout the district.

On each of my visits I was privileged to speak to the Companions on the work of the evening. I also stressed the need and usefulness of committees as they affected each Chapter and urged the Companions to work as a team in order to promote the best interests of the Royal Craft.

On the occasion of my visit to Durham Chapter it was my happy privilege on behalf of Grand Chapter to present to Ex. Comp. W. S. Hunter his 25 year Past Principals Jewel. Ex. Comp. Hunter has been an active member of Durham Chapter since its founding and still is a good attender.

On November 8th, it was my happy privilege and honor to preside at the Dedication of new Chapter rooms for Prince Edward Chapter, No. 218, Shelbourne, which was conducted by M. Ex.

Comp. Pitts, Grand Z. who was assisted by a goodly number of Grand Chapter Officers. The Dedication was preceeded by a banquet to which Master Masons were invited. There was an overall attendance of about 150 members of the Craft and Royal Craft. They were warmly welcomed by Ex. Comp. I. Edwards ruling First Principal of Shelbourne Chapter. It was my pleasing duty to present M. Ex. Comp. Pitts, who was the guest speaker at the banquet. Grand Chapter was opened at 8.30 P.M. by the Grand First Principal M. Ex. Comp. Pitts with a very good number of Companions from the District being present. Following the Dedication, the Grand First Principal addrsesed the Companions relative to the meanings of the Ceremony of Dedication. Several of the Grand Chapter Officers also spoke briefly. Ex. Comp. Edwards thanked M. Ex. Comp. Pitts and the members of Grand Chapter for having Dedicated their new Chapter rooms.

Shelbourne Chapter is to be commended for the remarkable progress they have made in the past couple of years.

To the Grand Chapter Officers present and past who were of assistance to me during my term of office MY THANKS.

To the Companions who accompanied me on my visits of Inspection I wish to say a real Thank you, for I believe that these visitations by the Companions are a real boost to the Chapters visited. I am pleased to report that the condition of Capitulary Masonry in Wellington District is in good condition and feel that the Royal Craft in Wellington District will continue to show progress.

In conclusion, may I once again thank all the Companions for their loyal support and kindness shown me during my term of office. I shall ever treasure the many happy memories of my term of office as Grand Superintendent.

HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO. 5

R. Ex. Comp. Charles Pepper, Hamilton, Ontario
District Superintendent

It is with much pleasure I submit my report on the activities and condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Hamilton District, No. 5.

I first wish to express my sincere thanks to the principals and Past Principals of the Chapter's for electing me to the office of

Grand Superintendent and to the Most Ex. our Grand First Principal for confirming the same.

My first act was to appoint Ex. Comp. Ian W. McConachie as my secretary, and I extend to him my sincere thanks for the able manner which he performed his duties. He accompanied me on all my visits excepting one, V. Ex. Comp. J. E. Grady kindly acted in his stead.

In accordance with requirements of Grand Chapter on June 19, 1950, I called a meeting of all the Ruling Principals of the Chapters of Hamilton District, No. 5 in the Chapter room in Hamilton. The meeting was very well attended, there being twenty-four Principals present. Many questions were discussed and explained with regard to the various degrees as well as a discussion of my Official Visits and the Annual District Church Service. Many thanks to V. Ex. C. R. Lloyd and the Principals for the success of this meeting. My schedule of visits were planned so that as near as possible a city Chapter could visit the country and also that some country Chapters could visit with country Chapters. This created more harmony and friendly spirit among the Companions and was a decided success.

My Inspection visits were as follows:

Sept. 19	The Hamilton Chapter, No. 175, Hamilton, Ontario
Sept. 21	St. Clair Chapter No. 75, Milton, Ontario.
Oct. 2	Keystone Chapter, No. 224, Hamilton, Ontario
Oct. 12	St. John's Chapter, No. 6, Hamilton, Ontario
Oct. 18	White Oak Chapter, No. 104, Oakville, Ontario.
Oct. 26	Caledonia Chapter, No. 236, Caledonia, Ontario
Nov. 13	McKay Chapter, No. 243, Stoney Creek, Ontario
Nov. 21	Ancaster Chapter, No. 155, Ancaster, Ontario
Nov. 24	Hiram Chapter, No. 2, Hamilton, Ontario

I was properly and very cordially welcomed in each Chapter as the representative of the Grand First Principal, the Companions expressed their loyalty to Grand Chapter.

At each of my visits, I imparted to the Companions some Masonic Education on the Degree exemplified, which was warmly received and the Companions desire that Royal Arch Masonic Education should be given at each and every Convocation of all Chap-

ters, I am quite in accord. I also stressed fraternal visits to other Chapters of the District.

The Annual District Church service was held in Trinity Baptist Church in Hamilton on November 5th and a very good attendance is recorded. Rev. Dr. O. D. Priddle gave us a very inspiring sermon, "The Master Architect" and was enjoyed by all.

I have visited all the Chapters several times during my term of office and I have answered many questions pertaining to the work of the Degrees and the internal working of a Chapter.

I was a guest to the Dedication of Tillsonburg Chapter Room on October 10th, 1950.

The highlights of my year was the District Reception to M. Ex. Comp. Clarence McLeod Pitts our Grand First Principal, at Hiram Chapter on October 27th in the Masonic Hall where M. Ex. Comp. Pitts gave a very inspiring address on the Royal Arch Degree from the opening of the Chapter through all the Degrees to the closing. Also his remarks at the banquet table was an inspiration to all.

The Dedication of the Chapter Room of Caledonia Chapter, No. 236 on November 9th. This ancient and beautiful ceremony of dedication was very ably exemplified by our Grand First Principal M. Ex. Comp. Clarence MacLeod Pitts and Grand Chapter Officers.

At the close of the ceremony an address was given by our Grand First Principal. On Royal Arch Masonry, Craft Masonry and their relationship to the Scriptures. I also conducted the election of Officers in four Chapters, Keystone, St. John's, Caledonia, and Ancaster, I also presided as the Installing Z at the Installation of their Officers in their respective Chapters, Caledonia, Ancaster, White Oak, St. Clair and St. John's.

I had the honour to be invited to Caledonia Chapter May 25th where a Grand Chapter night was held. I presided as Acting First Principal and the team were all Past and Present Grand Chapter Officers, The Holy Royal Arch Degree was exemplified, this most beautiful Degree was worked in a very fine and dignified manner and was a credit to these Officers.

I had the honour to be invited to White Oak Chapter on June 21st to act as First Principal to exemplify the Holy Royal Arch De-

gree. At this Convocation a large number of Past and Present Grand Chapter Officers also Officers and Companions of Chapters from Toronto, Hamilton, Windsor, Oakville, and Milton.

The condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Hamilton District, No. 5 is quite favorable and is on a sound basis, there has been an increase in membership, most of the Chapters are receiving petitions. Many of them with work waiting, all the Chapters are in good financial condition and have adequate fire protection.

It has been a pleasure to work with and among Royal Arch Masons in Hamilton District, No. 5 and also from other Districts.

HURON DISTRICT, NO. 6

R. Ex. Comp. William Elliot Mitchell, Ontario
Grand Superintendent.

It gives me much pleasure to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in this district.

I would like to express my appreciation to the Companions of Huron District for the honor they conferred upon me in electing me to this office and to the Most Excellent, the Grand Z, Clarence M. Pitts for conferring the same.

Ex. Comp. J. K. Taylor, who was appointed to act as Secretary, proved himself to be a very faithful Companion. I would like also to express my thanks to Rt. Ex. Comp. H. A. Mutton who accompanied me on all my visits. His knowledge and previous experience of the district were most invaluable on my various visits.

In November, this district was honored by the presence of M. Ex. Companion Clarence M. Pitts, at a banquet held in Wroxeter. He was accompanied by Rt. Ex. Comp. Johnson, Grand Scribe E and other Grand Chapter Officers. A large attendance of both craft and capitular Masons heard the very interesting and informative address of the Grand First Principal.

Several of the Chapters during the year have made inter-visits which were found to be both instructive and interesting and this type of meeting, I believe should be encouraged. Bernard Chapter held a very successful Divine Service in May which was well attended.

My visits of inspection were as follows:—

May	8	St. James Chapter, No. 46, St. Marys
June	16	Havelock Chapter, No. 63, Kincardine
Oct.	3	Chantry Chapter, No. 130, Southampton
Oct.	13	Bernard Chapter, No. 146, Listowel
Oct.	16	Malloch Chapter, No. 66, Seaforth
Oct.	17	Huron Chapter, No. 30, Goderich
Nov.	14	Lucknow Chapter, No. 147, Lucknow
Nov.	21	Lebanon Chapter, No. 84, Wingham
Nov.	24	Tecumseh Chapter, No. 24, Stratford
Dec.	5	Elliot Chapter, No. 129, Mitchell

On each of my visits I was received in proper form and was fortunate to see the officers of each Chapter confer a Degree. I found the condition of all Chapters to be more or less encouraging and the membership of some Chapters to be showing quite a rapid increase.

My year has been a very interesting one for me and I would like to thank the Officers and Companions of this district for their very kind co-operation.

NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 7

R. Ex. Comp. Arthur E. Langman, Port Colborune, Ontario
Grand Superintendent

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

I have the honour to present herewith, as Grand Superintendent of Niagara District, No. 7, my report on the condition of the Royal Craft in that District for the year 1950-1951.

First of all, I wish, again, to express to the various Chapters in the District, my sincere thanks for the high honour conferred upon me by my election as Grand Superintendent, and again, to thank Most Ex. Comp. Pitts for confirming my election.

One of my first official duties was the selection of Ex. Comp. Robert B. White, P.Z. of my own Chapter, King Hiram, No. 57, at Port Colborne, as my secretary. His duties have been performed in the most efficient manner. He accompanied me on all my visits throughout the District, formal and informal, looked after the ex-

amination of the books and records of the different Chapters visited, thus enabling me to concentrate my attention on the oral proceedings and ritualistic work of the Chapters, and in many other ways greatly lightened the burden of my official duties. His company and assistance has been a great pleasure to me.

My next step was to notify the Chapters in the District, officially, of my election, and to proceed with the arrangement of a schedule of official visits. . I tried to arrange one or two such visits before the Summer holiday season, but due to increasing warmth of the weather, lack of available candidates for degrees, and consequent anticipated poor attendance in the Chapters which I had proposed to visit, I finally decided to postpone all official visits until the Autumn.

On June 14, 1950, through the courtesy of the members of Willson Chapter, No. 64, at Welland, who very kindly made their Chapter Room and its facilities available to me for the purpose, as the most convenient and central location in the District, I was able to preside at a general meeting at which six of the nine Chapters in the District were represented. The proceedings were somewhat informal, commencing with a resume of my instructions received at Grand Chapter and a brief outline of my tentative places for the year, followed by a questions and answers period and a discussion of across the floor, of certain proposals made by some of the Companions, as likely to promote the good of the Royal Craft. The meeting was, by no means, a waste of time and effort, and had the good effect, at least, of promoting fraternization in the District, and of enabling me to make or improve acquaintance with many of those who attended.

During the Summer I completed my schedule of Official Visits, which was later carried out as follows:

Oct.	2	Grimsby Chapter, No. 69, at Grimsby
Oct.	6	Niagara Chapter, No. 55 at Niagara
Oct.	13	Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 19, at St. Catharines
Oct.	20	Mount Nebo Chapter, No. 76 at Niagara Falls
Oct.	23	Smithville Chapter, No. 240 at Smithville
Nov.	2	King Hiram Chapter, No. 57 at Port Colborne
Nov.	8	Willson Chapter, No. 64 at Welland
Nov.	14	Hugh Murray Chapter, No. 184 at Fort Erie
Nov.	20	McCallum Chapter, No. 29 at Dunnville

On each of these visits I was properly and most cordially received, being in nearly every case, introduced by Past Grand Superintendents of the District, or by other Past Grand Officers. At each visit a Degree was conferred or exemplified, the Principals and other Officers taking part, demonstrating to my satisfaction, their knowledge of the ritual and their skill and ability in working the degrees in the proper manner.

On September 25, I made an informal visit to Smithville Chapter at Smithville, accompanying the Companions of Willson Chapter, of Welland, who were paying a fraternal visit, and who exemplified the Most Excellent Master's Degree in a very satisfactory manner.

From a District standpoint, the most outstanding event of the year was the celebration, at Welland, on November 1, 1950, of the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of the founding of Willson Chapter, No. 64. It was marked by the presence of the Grand First Principal, who thus honoured the District, accompanied by Most Ex. Comp. Dean, Past Grand Z., Rt. Ex. Comp. Johnson, Grand Scribe E., and Rt. Ex. Comp. Robert Clark of the Grand Executive Committee. There were present, also, many Past Officers of Grand Chapter, from different parts of the District. Willson Chapter, acting as host to these distinguished visitors, as well as to the many Companions present from other Chapters in the District, was joined by the latter in extending to Most Ex. Comp. Pitts and his entourage, what was actually, if not formally, as much a Niagara District as a Willson Chapter welcome.

From the reception of the Grand Z and his escort, the proceedings in the Chapter were quite brief, being limited to a recital of some interesting and amusing incidents of the early history of the Chapter, culled from old minute books and records, and the presentation of several 25 year Jewels and Past Z's Jewels for Past Principals of the Chapter. After the Chapter was closed the Companions were regaled with a banquet served by the ladies of Holy Trinity Anglican Church, accompanied by the customary toasts. The highlight of this part of the festivities was a most eloquent and inspiring address by Most Ex. Comp. Pitts.

Since my election, as Grand Superintendent, I have attended every regular Convocation of my own Chapter, one of them being the occasion of my official visit, as above indicated. At the De-

cember meeting I had the honour, and pleasure, on behalf of the Grand Z., and of Grand Chapter, of presenting 25-year Jewels to Rt. Ex. Comp. J. S. Allen, Past Grand Superintendent, and to Ex. Comp. H. E. Roe, Past Z., both veteran members of the Chapter.

I was present, informally, at Willson Chapter, again on January 17, 1951, the occasion being the joint installation and investiture of the Council and other Officers of King Hiram and Willson Chapters. Joint installations have become traditional with these two Chapters, each of which, for many years past, in alternate years, has acted as host to the other and provided the personnel of the Installing Board. This year it was the turn of Willson Chapter, the Board being composed of its Past Z's, under the able and expert supervision of Rt. Ex. Comp. J. G. Frame, Past Grand Supt.

The condition of Royal Arch Masonry in this District appears to be on a fairly sound basis. Some of the Chapters are, naturally, more active and progressive than others. All but two have increased their membership, one merely maintained its net membership, and one, through deaths and withdrawals, had a net loss of four. In all cases assets exceed liabilities, in some quite substantially. Prospects vary from fair to excellent. There is, of course, room for improvement, especially in increased membership. This, I feel, could be very materially bettered by a more positive attitude on the part of Chapter members towards the members, and especially the newer members of their Craft lodges, and a more active and determined effort to make known to such members, the benefits and advantages of Chapter membership. I feel confident, by and large, that in this District, Royal Arch Masonry is steadily, if slowly, improving its position, and is in a healthy and reasonably satisfactory condition.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

TORONTO EAST, DISTRICT NO. 8

Rt. Ex. Comp. Thos. J. Mason, 23 Scott Street, Toronto, Ontario
Grand Superintendent

I have the honor of presenting my report as Grand Superintendent of Toronto East District, No. 8.

To the Ruling Principals of the District, I desire to express my very deep appreciation of the honor conferred upon The Beaches Chapter and myself, in electing me, by acclamation, to this high

office, and to the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal for his confirmation of my election.

Ex. Comp. L. A. Woolger of The Beaches Chapter readily accepted my invitation to act as District Secretary, and I gratefully acknowledge his co-operation, and the efficient manner in which he carried out his duties. His moral and physical support contributed very largely to any success that attended my tenure of office.

Immediately following my election, I called a meeting of the Ruling Principals of the District, and conveyed to them the instructions that I had received from Grand Chapter. Many matters relative to the efficient administration of the affairs of the various Chapters were discussed, and I am convinced that this meeting was worth while.

My itinerary was as follows:—

May	12	York Chapter, No. 62
May	19	Aurora Chapter, No. 235
Oct.	2	St. Andrew and St. John, No. 4
Oct.	3	University Chapter, No. 241
Oct.	4	Victoria Chapter, No. 205
Oct.	11	Beaver Chapter, No. 225
Oct.	12	Succoth Chapter, No. 135
Oct.	20	The St. Patrick Chapter, No. 145
Oct.	26	King Solomon Chapter, No. 8
Nov.	6	The Beaches Chapter, No. 163
Nov.	8	St. Paul's Chapter, No. 65
Nov.	15	St. Albans Chapter, No. 217
Nov.	22	Orient Chapter, No. 79

At every one of my visits the enthusiastic manner in which I was received, manifested in no uncertain way the very high regard in which Most Excellent Companion Pitts was held by all Companions, and I am also very appreciative of the courtesy and the kind personal references extended to my Secretary and myself.

In carrying out my duties, I was greatly assisted by frequent contacts with Rt. Ex. Comp. Gardner, the Grand Superintendent of Toronto District No. 8A, and I wish to take this opportunity of thanking him for his co-operation, which I am sure was to the muutal benefit of both Districts.

I called for Chapters to volunteer to confer the three Degrees under schools of instruction, and the following Chapters undertook this work:—

Mark Master	Aurora Chapter
Most Excellent Master	King Solomon Chapter
Holy Royal Arch	The Beaches Chapter

The chairs were occupied by Ruling and Past Principals of the District, who gave a correct and impressive rendition of the ritual, which I am sure was illuminating and instructive to all present. I regret, however, that many of those for whose special benefit these schools were held, the Junior Officers were not present.

I am happy to report that all Chapters in the District are fortunate in having very efficient Scribes E, the books and records being maintained in accordance with regulations, and with neatness and accuracy.

All Chapters I visited appear to be well supported by the Past Principals, who are undoubtedly the backbone and stimulus of the Royal Craft.

To me was accorded the honor of presenting twenty-five year Jewels to:—

Ex. Comp. Frank R. Underhill, Aurora Chapter

V. Ex. Comp. E. S. Calder, Beaver Chapter

I had the pleasure of being present on several outstanding events.

On May 13th some 150 Companions of the District journeyed by bus to Batavia, New York, where we were the guests of the 29th Capitular District of the State of New York. We were received by Western Star Chapter which was then called off to allow our own Officers to exemplify the H.R.A. Degree in the manner of the Canadian ritual. This visit was returned by our friends from New York on September 20th, when they exemplified the H.R.A. Degree, under their own ritual. These visits were most instructive and enjoyable, and it did much to further strengthen the bond that exists with our Companions across the border.

On June 15th the District Golf Tournament was held at Highlands Golf Club, Aurora. R. Ex. Comp. Maurice Searle and his Com-

mittee are to be commended for their work in arranging this pleasant interlude, which I would like to see very much better patronized, as I am sure events of this nature do much to promote good fellowship amongst the Companions.

On October 11th St. Paul's Chapter, No. 65, celebrated their seventy-fifth Anniversary, and on November 2nd St. Andrew and St. John Chapter held a Convocation which marked their One Hundredth and Fiftieth Anniversary.

On November 10th, M. Ex. Comp. Pitts presided at a meeting of York Chapter, when the Grand Master, M. Wor. Bro. Maher, was installed as Past Ex. First Principal.

On March 17th, The St. Patrick Chapter celebrated their Annual Grand Chapter Night. Most Ex. Comp. Pitts occupied the Chair and was assisted by Ruling and Past Grand Chapter Officers. This meeting was well attended and characteristic of the splendid traditions of this fine Chapter.

As a fitting climax to the year's activities, the two Toronto Districts combined in tendering a reception to M. Ex. Comp. Pitts, the ruling and past Principals of 1950 and 1951 in the two Districts, who was presented with an illuminated address, signed by each of and a donation to Grand Chapter Benevolent Fund.

St. Patrick Chapter were good enough to permit me to hold a District Divine Service co-incident with their own annual event, on March 18th, 1951, at Eglinton Avenue United Church. The Pastor, Ex. Comp. Dr. W. J. Johnson of St. Patrick Chapter delivered a very inspiring sermon, entitled "The Measuring Line."

I commend most highly the splendid work still being carried on by The Royal Arch Masons Welfare Committee, under the able Chairmanship of Rt. Ex. Comp. W. K. Herd. Their activities in transporting underprivileged children to the Bronte Summer Camp, and their donation of comforts and entertainment to the veterans at the Red Chevron Hospital, are well worthy of the support of all Companions.

The Principal's Association of the Districts 8 and 8A are still rendering a service of advice and instruction to the Chapters in the Jurisdiction.

In summing up I would respectfully submit, that while my

individual reports of each Chapter would convey that the condiiton of Royal Arch Masonry in this District is good, I would like to see a little more enthusiasm in improvement by the Junior Officers in the rendition of the ritual, a greatly improved percentage of attendance, and an increase in membership. These conditions, I am convinced, could be remedied by serious consideration of the following recommendations:—

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Chapters be opened promptly at the stated time, and lengthy discussions in the Chapter room, on matters that could be disposed of at meetings of the Executive Committee, be eliminated.

2. That schools of instruction be held by all Chapters, periodically, in order that Officers may be trained in the correct rendition of the ritual.

3. That more careful attention be given to the appointment of Junior Officers, and that no Officer be promoted, merely because of seniority in the "line up" but only on his having demonstrated that he has the qualifications of a good officer, and potential First Principal.

4. That Candidates should not be left bewildered and untaught after Exaltation, but should receive instruction and education in the full concept and interpretation of our symbols. This is one of the conditions which I am sure is resulting in Companions losing interest.

5. That in the so called "Fourth Degree," the refreshment be light, attractive and above all inexpensive. And in this respect I can see no logical reason why the Companions in attendance should not be asked to subscribe to the cost, and thereby eliminate a serious drain on the general fund.

6. That any entertainment be of an intellectual and instructive nature, and that all Chapters appoint a Committee to obtain good speakers for these occasions.

7. By an exchange of inter-Chapter and Inter-Lodge visits, at which Degrees could be conferred by the visiting Chapters.

TORONTO DISTRICT, NO. 8A

Rt. Ex. Comp. W. E. Gardner, Grand Superintendent

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

In presenting my report, may I first express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the honour conferred upon me by the companions of Toronto District 8A, in electing me to the high office of Grand Superintendent, also my appreciation to the Grand First Principal Most Ex. Comp. Clarence MacLeod Pitts for his confirmation of my election.

My first duty was to appoint Ex. Comp. Frank E. Johnson as my secretary, for his untiring efforts, I offer my sincerest appreciation. His whole-hearted co-operation and advice on all matters incumbent upon my office, and the faithfulness with which he carried out his duties were most helpful.

To all present and past Grand Chapter Officers and Past Principals of the District, I express my sincere thanks for their assistance, counsel, and support so graciously extended me during my tenure of office.

May I at this time also express my personal gratitude to the Grand Scribe "E" for his co-operation, advice, and guidance during the period of my office as Grand Superintendent.

Following the instructions of Grand Chapter, I called a district meeting which was held in College St. Temple, Friday, May 12th, 1950 with all Chapters having representatives in attendance. Business relative to the District was discussed, and a general explanation and discussion of Masonic education and instruction took place, also at this meeting the schedule of my visits of inspection was arranged as follows:

June	13	Shekinah Chapter, No. 138, Toronto
Sept.	28	Ulster Chapter, No. 219, Toronto
Oct.	3	Peel Chapter, No. 195, Brampton
Oct.	4	Oakwood Chapter, No. 233, Toronto
Oct.	12	The. St. Clair Chapter, No. 231, Toronto
Oct.	13	Occident Chapter, No. 77, Toronto
Oct.	18	Lebanon Chapter, No. 220, Lambton Mills.
Oct.	20	Humber Chapter, No. 246, Weston.

Oct. 24 Port Credit Chapter, No. 230, Port Credit.
Nov. 7 Mimico Chapter, No. 215, Mimico
Nov. 7 Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 212, Toronto
Nov. 20 Toronto Antiquity Chapter, No. 91, Toronto
Nov. 21 King Cyrus Chapter, No. 232, Toronto.

My Reports submitted to the Grand Scribe "E" will indicate that the Degrees were conferred by the various Chapters Officers very ably, and I was glad to note the uniformity which now prevails because of the use of the "Manual of Instructions," which if continued cannot help but bring about increased efficiency on all the officers of the Chapters and a better understanding of the lessons of the Degrees.

On all my visits, I was received most cordially, as the representative of the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal. There was a warmth and depth of feeling displayed on all my visits, and an outward expression of Loyalty to Grand Chapter which made my visits very pleasant, and to each First Principal of the District I sent a copy of my report to the Grand First Principal with a letter of encouragement and suggestions to aid their respective Chapters.

This has been a good year for Royal Arch Masonry, every Chapter in the district have had a number of new members and the candidates were exceptionally fine men.

Ex. Comp. Frank E. Johnson my secretary reports that the books and records of all Chapters in the District are well kept and up-to date and that information requested was readily available. He also reports that a Healthy financial condition prevails and that the average attendance is increasing.

Schools of Instructions were held at Occident Chapter, No. 77 for the M.M.M. Degree Friday, Feb. 9th, 1951. Humber Chapter, No. 246 to confer the M.E.M. Degree February 16th, 1951. Oakwood Chapter, No. 233 to confer H.R.A. Degree, this degree was conferred March 7th by First Principals of 1950, and all three Chapters are to be complimented.

I also attended eleven of the thirteen Chapters, at their Installations and Investiture of Officers, and I wish to congratulate the Present and Past Grand Chapter Officers, and Past Principals, who conducted the Installation ceremonies, in a very capable and efficient manner, I had the pleasure of attending King Cyrus Chap-

ter Installation and it was my Happy privilege on behalf of the Grand Chapter to present V. Ex. Comp. Fred Powers with his 25 years Past Z Jewel, on November 1st when I made my Official visit to Mimico Chapter the Chapter gave me the privilege on behalf of the Chapter of presenting a gift from the Chapter to Rt. Ex. Comp. Joe Shelley on his 86th birthday, which was on that very day.

A District Divine Church Service was held at St. Chad's Anglican Church, Dufferin Street, on Sunday evening, November 26th, when the Rector Rev. G. H. Johnson, D.D., preached an excellent sermon, on "Foundations," a large number of the Companions from District 8, also attended.

On November 8th and November 9th I had the pleasure of attending with the Grand First Principal and Grand Chapter Officers the dedication of the Chapter Room of Prince Edward Chapter, No. 218, Shelburne and the Chapter Room of Caledonia Chapter, No. 236, Caledonia, Ont., on November 10th I also attended York Chapter, No. 62, when the Grand First Principal and Grand Chapter Officers honoured the Grand Master Most Worshipful Bro. J. P. Maher by advancing him from a Companion to a Past Principal of York Chapter.

I was most pleased to accept and fulfil to the best of my ability the many gracious invitations extended to me by various Chapters, and was encouraged by the large attendance and enthusiasm for Royal Arch Masonry which permeates in the two Toronto Districts, I should at this time like to express my sincere thanks to Rt. Ex. Comp. Thomas Mason, Grand Superintendent District, No. 8, for his co-operation and mutual understanding between the two districts 8, and 8A. This co-operation was most evident on the evening of February 7th, 1951, when District 8 and 8A tendered a reception to Most Ex. Comp. Clarence MacLeod Pitts, under the leadership of Rt. Ex. Comp. Thomas Mason and myself. On this occasion, the Companions, by their large attendance, exemplified in a most impressive manner, the deep and sincere feeling they hold for Most Ex. Comp. Pitts. This reception will be remembered by me as one of the most delightful experiences as a Grand Superintendent. In my respectful opinion it did much to add enthusiasm to the Royal Craft in the two Toronto Districts.

The Royal Arch Masons Welfare Committee has again completed a successful year. Its work on behalf of the underprivileged

mothers and children and of the veterans at the "Red Chevron" Soldiers' Home is worthy of the support of every Royal Arch Mason, I would be most ungrateful if I did not express my personal thanks and those of the District. for the work accomplished by this committe.

I am most appreciative and express thanks to the Principals Association for the co-operation I have received, which of course comprises the Principals and Past Principals of the Toronto area, and who have made contributions not only to their respective Chapters but to the Royal Craft generally.

I have visited every Chapter at least twice, and it is with pride and pleasure that I report a satisfactory situation in the District.

In conclusion, I express my very deep feeling of gratification to all Chapters for the kindness and co-operation which has been extended to me at all times. This has been a constant source of inspiration and has done much towards enabling me to give the district the best possible service commensurate with my abilities and qualifications.

I extend congratulations to my successor and bespeak for him the same co-operation and kindnesses I have enjoyed, and assure him of my support any time he may feel it desirable to call upon me.

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9

R. Ex. Comp. Russell H. Davidson, Collingwood, Ontario

Grand Superintendent

I have pleasure in submitting my report as the Grand Superintendent of Georgian District, No. 9, for the year 1950.

May I express my appreciation to the Past Principals, Principals and Companions of the District for the honour conferred upon me and to the Grand First Principal in confirming my appointment.

My first pleasant duty was to appoint Ex. Comp. G. H. Finn as my secretary, who very ably assisted at all visits to the various Chapters and with other details. My sincere thanks to him for assistance throughout the year.

A District meeting of Principals, Past Principals and Officers was called at Stayner on the evening of June 8th. After enjoying

dinner the meeting considered the instructions and suggestions as required by Grand Chapter. The interest in the discussion that followed indicated that the meeting was very beneficial. There was a splendid attendance and all but one Chapter was represented.

The most outstanding event of the year was the visit of Most Ex. Comp. C. M. Pitts, Grand First Principal to Georgian District on October 31st, when a record attendance of Companions and Brethern attended a reception held in Collingwood. The gathering was very impressive and the address given by Most Ex. Comp. C. M. Pitts was greatly enjoyed and a source of great inspiration to all members and visitors. The Grand First Principal presented a 50 year Service Jewel to Comp. Francis James Davis, of Toronto and delegated V. Ex. Comp. C. J. Baxendale to present a similar Jewel to Comp. Joseph K. McLaughlan of Owen Sound who was unavoidably absent.

My visits of inspection were made as follows:

Oct.	13	Couchiching Chapter, No. 198, Orillia
Nov.	14	Signet Chapter, No. 34, Barrie
Jan.	9	Georgian Chapter, No. 56, Owen Sound
Jan.	23	Amabel Chapter, No. 131, Wiarton
Feb.	9	Manitou Chapter, No. 27, Collingwood
Feb.	23	Kichikewana Chapter, No. 167, Midland.

I was properly received on all these occasions and will always have happy memories of the several visits. The spirit of companionship which prevailed at all meetings was commendable. Degree work was exemplified in all Chapters at the time of my visit and was well done.

All Chapters are receiving applications for advancement. There is a strong spirit of harmony in the District and on the whole, the future of Capitular Masonry in Georgian District looks very bright indeed.

Five Chapters in this District have lost members through death, and I extend to these and the bereaved relatives my sincere sympathy.

The splendid work of my predecessors is evident in this District.

In conclusion, I wish to express my thanks to all the Chapters for their hospitality and co-operation during my term of office and

in particular to the Officers and Companions of Manitou Chapter who loyally accompanied me and provided transportation on every occasion.

I wish my successor every success, a full measure of fellowship and co-operation as he proceeds to interpret and build higher the great principles of the Royal Craft among the Companions.

ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 10

Rt. Ex. Comp. William H. Brady, Campbellford, Ontario.
Grand Superintendent.

In presenting the report on Royal Arch Masonry in Ontario District, No. 10, I wish first to express my deep appreciation to the Companions of the District for my election, and to the Most Excellent Companion Clarence MacLeod Pitts, Grand First Principal, for his confirmation.

My appointment of Ex. Comp. Edward J. Wilmink as District Secretary, has proven a happy one. He has been a most faithful, and efficient Secretary and his advice and assistance invaluable.

On June 16th, a meeting was held in Peterboro, at the home of Ex. Comp. S. Shields. The Officers attending were from Midland Chapter, Lindsay; Ionic Chapter, Campbellford; and Corinthian Chapter, Peterboro. Open discussion on prevailing Chapter problems were freely indulged in, and instructions from the Grand Chapter Counsel were passed on. We are indeed most grateful to Ex. Comp. Shields and Mrs. Shields for their kindness in the sharing of their home for this meeting and for the sumptuous lunch served to those present.

On the 21st of June another meeting was held in the Masonic Temple in Oshawa for the benefit of the Officers, Past Principals and Companions of Keystone Chapter, Whitby, and Pentalpha Chapter, Oshawa. This meeting was well attended and considered a decided success.

The third meeting for the Chapter of Instructions was held on June 28th, in Colborne with Companions present from Warkworth Chapter, Warkworth; St. John's Chapter, Cobourg; Victoria Chapter, Port Hope; Palestine Chapter, Bowmanville; Excelsior Chapter, Colborne; and Ionic Chapter, Campbellford.

It was my privilege to inspect all the Chapters in the District and to receive from the Officers and Companions the welcome due and accorded to the representative of the Grand First Principal.

I witnessed the conferring of a degree at each inspection and with few exceptions, I found that the Officers were sincere and very conscientious in the performance of their duties. We are particularily thankful for the assistance so freely given by the Past Principals of the various Chapters.

King Darius Chapter, No. 134, Cannington, and Warkworth Chapter, No. 110, Warkworth, have had their difficulties, and I am pleased to mention that the Officers of both Chapters are reporting some definite progress.

The following is a record of the Inspection Visits in 1950:

June	6	Pentalpha Chapter, No. 28, Oshawa.
Sept.	8	Keystone Chapter, No. 35, Whitby.
Oct.	13	Victoria Chapter, No. 37, Port Hope.
Oct.	16	Palestine Chapter, No. 249, Bowmanville.
Oct.	19	Midland Chapter, No. 94, Lindsay.
Oct.	24	St. John's Chapter, No. 48, Cobourg.
Nov.	3	Excelsior Chapter, No. 45, Colborne.
Nov.	8	Warkworth Chapter, No. 110, Warkworth.
Nov.	15	King Darius Chapter, No. 134, Cannington.
Nov.	20	Ionic Chapter, No. 168, Campbellford.
Nov.	24	Corinthian Chapter, No. 36, Peterboro.

On all of my visits, I particularly mentioned to the Companions the need for an increase in attendance at our Convocations.

I am especially grateful to the Companions of Ionic Chapter for their loyal support in accompanying me on my visits.

I wish to express my thanks to the Past Rt. Ex. Grand Superintendents, the Officers and Companions of all Chapters of Ontario District, No. 10, and many others for their kindness and Companionship which has meant so much to me during my term.

May I, in conclusion, offer to the Companions of each Chapter, my best wishes for their future success and may my successor be received with the same courtesies during his term of office as I received during mine.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, NO. 11

Rt. Ex. Comp. Gordon W. Bailey, Stirling, Ontario
Grand Superintendent

I have the honour to submit my report of Prince Edward District, No. 11, for the past year. I can assure you that it affords me much pleasure to state that I feel quite confident that this district will compare favourably with any in your Jurisdiction for enthusiasm, consequent prosperity, and perfection in work.

I wish first to express my very sincere thanks to the Companions of Prince Edward District for the honour conferred upon me in electing me to the office of Grand Superintendent. My year as the representative of the Grand First Principal has been not only one of great pleasure to myself but also a very real source of instruction and inspiration.

One of my first duties after assuming office was to appoint Ex. Comp. Harper Rollins as District Secretary. He accompanied me on my official visits, and to him I tender my most grateful thanks for his untiring efforts in prosecuting the duties of that office. His assistance has materially lessened my official duties by his careful scrutiny of the Scribes' Ezra books in each Chapter visited, and by his reports thereon.

I was enabled to visit each Chapter at least once and some of them twice. On every occasion the interest and enthusiasm was very gratifying indeed. The Companions, both individually and as Chapters, did their utmost to make my visits pleasant in every way.

The general condition of Capitular Masonry in the District is excellent indeed, one of the most gratfying features being the fact that not only is the increase numerical, but also the type of candidates received into the Chapters is of the best type of manhood in our land. Never before has Capitular Masonry needed such a type of manhood as it does now.

On May 10, 1950, a meeting of instruction was held in the Masonic Hall at Stirling, to which I invited the First Principals and the Immediate Past Grand Superintendent of the District. At this meeting we read and discussed the recommendations of the Most Ex. the Grand Z, and arranged dates for the inspection visits and a suitable date for Divine Service.

The following is a record of the Inspection Visits:

June	21	Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 44, Napanee.
Sept.	19	St. Mark's Chapter, No. 26, Trenton.
Oct.	16	Prince Edward Chapter, No. 31, Picton
Oct.	17	Presqu'ile Chapter, No. 144, Brighton.
Oct.	23	Madoc Chapter, No. 161, Madoc
Nov.	7	Moira Chapter, No. 7, Belleville.
Dec.	11	Quinte Friendship Chapter, No. 227, Belleville.
Dec.	28	Keystone Chapter, No. 72, Stirling.

On May 25, Prince Edward Chapter, No. 31, Picton, visited Keystone Chapter and exemplified the H.R.A. Degree in such an impressive manner that a candidate could not help being impressed. They also lifted the Travelling Triangle.

On June 10, St. George's Chapter, No. 5, London, accompanied by Rt. Ex. Comp. A. Cavanagh, Grand Superintendent of London District, No. 2, paid a fraternal visit to Quinte Friendship Chapter, Belleville. The Royal Arch Degree was worked by the First Principal and Officers of St. George's Chapter, after which a banquet was held in the banquet hall.

On June 21, at my official visit at the Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 44, Napanee, I had the honour to present Ex. Comp. D. R. Sharpe with his 25-year Past Principal's Jewel.

On Sept. 17 in the Presbyterian Church, Stirling at 11 a.m. our District Divine Service was held. This service was conducted by the Rev. W. H. V. Walker, who took as his text, "A Wise Master Builder."

On March 12, as representative of the Grand Z I attended the funeral of the late Rt. Ex. Comp. J. C. Cooper of Picton.

The Moira and the Quinte Friendship Chapters of Belleville will dedicate their new Chapter rooms on April 9, 1951. At the time of preparing my report it is hoped that Most Ex. Comp. Pitts and Grand Chapter Officers will be present.

In conclusion, I desire to express my gratitude to the Grand Z, the Grand Scribe E, and Rt. Ex. Comp. Roy Anderson, immediate Past Grand Superintendent of the District, for the courteous manner in which I have been treated by them; and for their assistance on many occasions during my term of office. Without their

assistance I should have been at a loss many times, but they always came to my assistance. I desire to thank also those Companions who so kindly accompanied me on the occasions of my official visits.

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, NO. 12

R. Ex. Comp. Clinton A. Markell, Cornwall, Ontario
Grand Superintendent

It is with pleasure that I submit to you and for your approval my official report together with the Annual Statistical which, with the reports of inspection previously forwarded to the Grand Scribe E, sets forth in detail the conditions of the Chapters in St. Lawrence District, No. 12.

May I at the outset express to the Companions of the various Chapters whose kind consideration was responsible for my election of Grand Superintendent for this district, my most grateful appreciation, and to the Most Excellent First Principal, Clarence MacLeod Pitts, for his confirmation of same.

My first duty was to appoint Excellent Companion Robert Armstrong as Secretary, who accompanied me on all my official visits and to him I owe my sincere thanks for his able assistance.

I am pleased to state that on every occasion of my inspection visits the First Principal occupied the chair and carried out his duties in a dignified manner. They also appeared to realize the honour does not consist in merely occupying the chair in the East, but rather in fulfilling the office by the faithful performance of its duties.

My Official Visits were as follows:

Nov.	6	Sussex - St. Lawrence Chapter, No. 59, Brockville.
Nov.	14	Grenville Chapter, No. 22, Prescott.
Nov.	17	Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter, No. 1, Kingston.
Nov.	28	Leeds Chapter, No. 132, Gananoque.
Dec.	14	Maitland Chapter, No. 68, Kemptville.
Dec.	20	Covenant Chapter, No. 113, Cornwall.
Jan.	19	St. John's Chapter, No. 112, Morrisburg

The secretarial work of the Chapters is in good hands. I found these officers most obliging, ready to answer correspondence

promptly and in all Chapters found the books neatly kept and in good condition.

On January 19th, I had the pleasure of installing the Officers in St. John's Chapter and if their enthusiasm is any indication of their interest in their Chapter they will have a very successful year.

I would like to express my appreciation to the Companions who accompanied me on my visits and to those Companions who attended from Sister Chapters.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Past Grand Superintendents for their wise counsel and advice and to all the Companions in the district who have contributed in making this year a memorable one for me.

OTTAWA DISTRICT NO. 13

Rt. Ex. Comp. Clarence A. Bailey, Smith Falls, Ontario
Grand Superintendent

It is with extreme pleasure that I submit my report on the conditions of Capitular Masonry in the Ottawa District, No. 13. Let me first express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Past Principals and Principals of the District for the honour conferred on me in electing me as their Grand Superintendent. I also wish to thank M. Ex. Comp. Pitts, Grand Z., for his confirmation.

My first official duty was to appoint Ex. Comp. W. E. Bennett as District Secretary and Ex. Comp. Rev. C. E. Armstrong as District Chaplain. While the duties of the Chaplain were not very arduous, the Secretary accompanied me on most of my visits and has been most courteous, conscientious and co-operative in performing the duties of that office. I thank them both for their efforts.

It was with sincere regret that the Companions of the District learned of the passing of Rt. Ex. Comp. John Middleton, my predecessor in office, to the Grand Chapter above, just ten days after he relinquished office. We all mourn his loss.

On instructions from Grand Chapter my first concern was to hold a Chapter of Instruction for the Principals and Past Principals. Realizing that the Ottawa District is a large one both from a numerical and a geographical standpoint, having twelve Chapters, and being over two hundred miles long, spread out for the most part

along the Ottawa River I foresaw the difficulty of securing good or full representation of the officers of the Chapters at any one centre for the purpose of holding a Chapter of Instruction owing to distance. I therefore decided to divide the District into smaller areas and to hold meetings in each one. I made my visits on the evenings of regular Convocations when degrees were conferred and at the close held a period of Instruction with discussion on Chapter procedure and conveyed to the Companions assembled the greetings and wishes of the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal. For this purpose Bonnechere Chapter was host to Laurentian and Dochert Chapters, Glengarry Chapter was host to St. John's and Kitchener Chapters, Carleton Chapter was host to Ottawa Chapter and St. Francis Chapter was host to Prince of Wales, Granite and Maple Chapters. I wish to thank the Chapters concerned for the kindness shown me in placing their Chapter Room at my disposal for this purpose. By this plan I was able to contact nearly all the Principals and Past Principals of the various Chapters. I feel that much good was accomplished in unifying the work and making good Companionship. In our discussions I emphasized the need of the following: increased membership, suitable committees working in co-operation with each other, correct ritual and adherence to the manual of instructions as set forth by Grand Chapter. As this manual is not always passed on to the newer Principals I would suggest that some provision be made for providing them with a copy.

On May 8th it was my happy privilege to attend the Dedication Ceremony of Maitland Chapter in Kemptville, to witness and to have a part in that impressive ceremony along with M. Ex. Comp. Pitts, Rt. Ex. Comps. Taylor, Grand J and Johnson, Grand S.E.

On May 21st over one hundred Companions of the District attended Divine Service at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Smiths Falls. It was my privilege to read one of the lessons.

On each of my twelve official visits of inspection I was given a very warm welcome and your representative was received in due and proper form in each Chapter. Ten of the twelve Chapters put on degree work which in nearly every case was of a very high order with the officers interpreting the ritual to the candidates in a very efficient manner. In each Chapter room I was afforded the opportunity of speaking to the Companions. During my remarks I tried to point out to the Companions a lesson to be learned from the

degree just previously conferred. I also endeavoured to impress upon the various Chapters the necessity of bringing into our membership all those of our Craft Brethren who appreciate Craft Masonry for its high moral teachings, for its way of life and the associations it offers in this busy materialistic world. In order to bind together the associations between Craft Lodges and Chapters so that no Master Mason would be unaware of the fact that the R.A. degree is the completion of the Master Mason's degree I suggested that Chapters visit Craft Lodges and there confer a Craft degree. Just as it is not possible for a man to live unto himself so it is not possible for a Chapter to stand aloof and cultivate anything but a soured interest in its sister bodies. In view of this I urged Chapters to visit other Chapters as far as possible.

In attempting to promote the subject of Masonic Education, your Grand Superintendent, at each of his official visits, spoke at the banquet hour on some aspect of Masonry. It was my desire to impart to the Companions some knowledge of the great heritage which is our privilege to enjoy in Royal Arch Masonry.

On the occasion of my visit to Carleton Chapter an added pleasure was afforded me in that I was asked to present Grand Chapter regalia to V. Ex. Comp. A. Casselman, C. Flatters and S. Steeves, whom the Grand First Principal had seen fit to reward for their service to Capitular Masonry. It was also a great pleasure to be a guest of this Chapter on the occasions of their inter-Chapter visits with Fairmont Chapter in Montreal. I commend this practice very highly as it does much to cement the ties of Masonry between sister Jurisdictions.

The Companions of Granite and St. Francis Chapters accorded me the privilege of installing their officers for the year 1951. On both occasions I was ably assisted by my capable Secretary.

During the year two events stand out. On November 24th St. Francis Chapter was host for a Reception and Banquet for the M. Ex. Comp. C. M. Pitts. Coming as it did at the close of my official visits it afforded the Companions of the District an opportunity of coming into a close relationship with our Grand Z so that together we might consolidate and extend the interest in Capitular Masonry. On February 24th, Ottawa and Carleton Chapters were joint hosts for a District Reception and Banquet for the Grand Z prior to his retirement from that exalted office. In the afternoon the degree of

the H.R.A. was conferred on 29 candidates of the district by Past Grand Superintendents assisted by the Grand First Principal. It was my privilege to occupy the chair of Haggai. In the evening about three hundred Masons partook of a banquet. The Grand First Principal gave us a very inspiring and uplifting address.

It is with regret that I report that Kitchener Chapter at Russell has been able to hold only one Convocation during the year. As many of the Companions have moved to other centres they find it increasingly difficult to carry on. I have offered them some suggestions but as yet no progress has been made. I shall strive to do all I can to have that Chapter once again become active.

It was with considerable reluctance and apprehension that I assumed the manifold duties of a Grand Superintendent. However, the continued support and assistance that has been my pleasure to receive throughout my term of office, has reduced, what at first appeared to be a mountainous task, to a labour of love. May I here record my debt of gratitude to the many Companions who accompanied me on my visits of inspections and by their kindly counsel guided me in the discharge of the duties incumbent on the office. My special thanks go to the Companions of my own Chapter who accorded me wonderful support and to Rt. Ex. Comp. McDiarmid who gave unsparingly of his time to the cause of Capitular Masonry.

I would suggest that those charged with the responsibility of governing and directing Chapters make sure that each Convocation is well planned, and that Officers, and others are advised, well in advance, of the work which will be required of them. Equal care should be given to the period of refreshment, bearing in mind the opportunity that it affords by profit and pleasure of a social and educational nature. Every Companion must be made to feel that every Masonic gathering is an occasion where good fellowship abounds and where the cares of the day may be cast aside, so much so that he will count his absence a distinct loss.

In serving as your Grand Superintendent I have been broadened and enriched by the wealth of affectionate friendship that have come to me. I have met the responsibilities and discharged the duties to the best of my ability. I sincerely trust that my humble endeavours to perform the important duties connected with this honourable office have met with the approval of the Companions

of the District and that their confidence in me has not been misplaced.

ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 14

Rt. Ex. Comp. Herbert S. Cade, Kenora, Ontario.
Grand Superintendent.

I am happy to submit this, my report on Capitular Masonry for this district, and at the same time, thank every Companion for their election and support, their fine encouragement, and our deep appreciation to Most Ex. Comp. C. M. Pitts, for confirming me in office.

This, I trust, will be the happiest report in our book, for it most certainly reflects the present attitude towards Freemasonry throughout this vast district.

My first official act, was to appoint a District Chap. and a Secretary, which did not turn out so good, one being immediately transferred about 1500 miles west, and the other, sent way down east.

Realizing I had to do all my own arranging, I started out, first to writing letters, then to studying, and, we had so many splendid meetings, that, each one we went to was The Best.

Beginning with Golden Chapter, No. 90, my mother Chapter, on September 27, 1950, we had a fine evening of M.E.M. work, which is always put on by our regular officers, my progress around the district was, Atwood Chapter, No. 149, Rainy River, October 19th, Alberton, No. 152, Fort Francis, November 14, 1950. Shuniah, No. 82, Port Arthur, November 15, 1950, Fort William Chapter, at Fort William, No. 140, then Golden Star Chapter, No. 254, Dryden, Ont., our youngest and the most enthusiastic-to-be-chapter in these parts. We have watched Dryden, like Our Lord watched Jerusalem, but with better results, for now, eager young officers, have stepped into every office, special permissions given, for senior expert Councillors. Sincerity is the magnet, and Masonic knowledge their present aim. Ex. Comp. Geo. Noble remarked on the station at 4 a.m. I like them, its worth it.

As you see, we have only six chapters in this district, but one travels the most part of 2480 miles to reach them, and its really wonderful, I remember the same grand innermost feeling, when I

was our last Algoma D.D.G.M. I never saw an officer, who did not know his work, nor a Scribe, but whose books were, neatness its self to behold, nor a Temple or Chapter-room, that was not able to give me such a lift, that when you walked across the sacred floor, in the city, or country places, in the quiet, you heard the same whispers, as in the most Holy of Gods Places, "Expert Workmen" "Try Us" True Friends."

On every visit, I was not only "Properly Received" but "Warmly Welcomed." Oh yes, Capitular Masonry here, is now being nourished by the cool waters of friendship and understanding to the end that someday, the sweet smell of our presence will be met in every portion of this district, as young men, forging forward and upward, and leaving behind every aspect of that ponderous dignity, that stifles, listen to those wonderful stories of the Temple, when you can FEEL the hush, and the knowledge wells up inside you— "That of your seeds sown, some must inevitably fall into good ground — Then happy indeed the sower.

NEW ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 15

R. Ex. Comp. E. G. Drew, 466 Wellington St. E.,
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Grand Superintendent

It is with a great pleasure I present to you my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in New Ontario District, No. 15.

I first wish to express my appreciation to the Officers and Companions of this District who so kindly elected me to the high office of Grand Superintendent, and to the Grand First Principal M. Ex. Comp. C. M. Pitts, for his approval of my appointment.

My first duty was to appoint Ex. Comp. William Shiells, as my secretary who accompanied me on all of my official visits. For the efficient and conscientious performance of his duty I owe him my sincere thanks.

In every Chapter I was received with the dignity befitting the representative of the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, and was most hospitably entertained.

On October 6th, it was my great privilege to visit my Mother Lodge Algonquin Chapter 102, Sault Ste. Marie, and was accompied into the Chapter by three Past Grand Superintendents.

On November 2nd, it was my privilege to be received on my Official Visit to St. John's Chapter No. 103, North Bay.

On December 12th, it was my pleasure to be received on my Official Visit to Tuscan Chapter, No. 95, Sudbury.

On January 12th, I installed the Officers of Algonquin Chapter 102, at the request of the First Principal.

In all cases the work of the evening was exemplified in a very creditable manner.

It is gratifying to report that in my opinion the condition of Capitular Masonry in New Ontario District, No. 15, is very encouraging. In every Chapter visited there was evidence of sincere effort and apparent results from conscientious effort of all Officers past and present. This is undoubtedly the reason for all these Chapters being in a healthy condition both financially and fraternally.

My message to the Companions of this District dealt with the principles and fraternal relations of Royal Arch Masonry.

With regard to Pembroke Chapter of Mattawa, Ontario; on the advice of Rt. Ex. Companions, who were in closer touch with this Chapter and who had attempted to get their Chapter active it was decided on recommendation of Rt. Ex. Companions, to give this Chapter another year.

My year has been all too short but it has been a very pleasant and enjoyable one and I regret owing to the great distance separating the various Chapters that I was unable to visit with them more frequently.

It has been a great privilege to me to serve as Grand Superintendent of New Ontario District, No. 15, and I sincerely appreciate the co-operation of all the Ex. Companions, during my term of office.

TEMISKAMING DISTRICT, NO. 16

Rt. Ex. Comp. Roy Allen Bilbrough, Kirkland Lake, Ont.
Grand Superintendent

It affords me great pleasure to submit my report on Royal Arch Masonry, in Temiskaming District, No. 16.

May I express my sincere appreciation to the Companions of Temiskaming District for the confidence placed in me and the honor conferred on me, by electing me to the office of Grand Superintendent, and to the Most Excellent Companion Clarence M. Pitts, for his confirmation of my election.

Due to the severe winters in the North Country, it was necessary for me to complete my visits officially before the New Year, as winter travelling is hazardous, by motor.

Visits of inspection were made as follows:

Oct. 18 Northern Lights Chapter, No. 213, Timmins, Ont.
Oct. 27 Abitibi Chapter, No. 223, Iroquois Falls, Ont.
Nov. 1 Temiskaming Chapter, No. 169, New Liskeard, Ont.
Nov. 13 Kirkland Chapter, No. 251, Kirkland Lake, Ont.
Nov. 21 Cobalt Chapter, No. 203, Cobalt, Ont.

I was accompanied on all my visits by Companions and Past Principals of Kirkland Chapter. To these may I extend my most sincere thanks. May I also take this opportunity of thanking most sincerely my District Secretary, Ex. Comp. Kenneth Griffin, who accompanied me on all my visits and was unfailing in courtesy and advice.

On every occasion I was received in the most kind and courteous manner and a typical Northern welcome extended to my retinue. On these visits I witnessed all three degrees in Royal Arch Masonry at the various Chapters and in all cases the work was put on in a very competent manner.

In November the District was honored by a visit of the Grand First Principal, Most Excellent Companion Clarence M. Pitts. Due to press of time only one day could be allotted to this visit, hence a joint meeting of all the Chapters of the district was held at Kirkland Lake.

A most inspiring address was given by the Grand First Principal. We feel that it is unfortunate that we, so far North have not the opportunity of listening and meeting men of this calibre more often, as contacts with such as he, leave an indelible memory.

This district is fortunate in that the Past Principles are a tower of strength to their respective chapters. Capitular Masonry

is in very good condition in this District. While there may be no large increases in the rolls, membership continues to grow.

All Chapters exhibit a fine spirit of friendship both in and out of the Chapter rooms, which, after all, is Masonry in its truest form.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. J. A. M. Taylor, and—

Resolved,—That the reports of the Grand Superintendents of the Districts be referred to the Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry, to report later at this Convocation.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS PRESENTED

R. Ex. Comp. Lowell B. Boyle ..... St. Clair District No. 1
R. Ex. Comp. Abraham Cavanagh ..... London District No. 2
R. Ex. Comp. Francis MacD. Reid ..... Wilson District No. 3
R. Ex. Comp. F. Carl Ackert ..... Wellington District No. 4
R. Ex. Comp. Charles Pepper ..... Hamilton District No. 5
R. Ex. Comp. William F. Elliot ..... Huron District 6
R. Ex. Comp. Thomas J. Mason ..... Toronto East District No. 8
R. Ex. Comp. William E. Gardner ..... Toronto West District No. 8A
R. Ex. Comp. Russell H. Davidson ..... Georgian District No. 9
R. Ex. Comp. Wm. H. Brady ..... Ontario District No. 10
R. Ex. Comp. Gordon Wm. Bailey ..... Prince Edward District No. 11
R. Ex. Comp. Clinton A. Markell ..... St. Lawrence District No. 12
R. Ex. Comp. Glarence A. Bailey ..... Ottawa District No. 13
R. Ex. Comp. Herbert S. Cade ..... Algoma District No. 14
R. Ex. Comp. Ernest G. Drew ..... New Ontario District No. 15
R. Ex. Comp. Roy A. Bilbrough ..... Temiskaming District No. 16

Most Ex. Comp. C. M. Pitts, expressed his thanks to each Grand Superintendent and stated that he was well pleased with each of his official District Representatives.

EXCERPTS FROM GRAND MASTER'S REMARKS

Most Worshipful Brother and Ex. Companion James P. Maher of Toronto, Ontario, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A.F.&A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, expressed his appreciation for the kind and gracious welcome extended to him by Most Ex. Comp. C. M. Pitts, he made reference to the honor that was conferred on him when he was made an Ex. I.P.Z. of York Chapter, No. 62, Toronto, Ontario, he also referred to the contacts he was continually making with Companions of the Royal Arch Masonry in

other branches of Masonry, he congratulated the Grand Z on the large attendance of visiting delegates from Sister Jurisdictions and complimented Grand Chapter on the very large number present and extended his best wishes for success to the incoming officers.

Grand Chapter was called from Labour at 12.45 p.m.

Grand Chapter was called on at 2.15 p.m.

SCRUTINEERS OBLIGATED

Most Ex. Comp. Clarence M. L. Pitts, obligated the Scrutineers as to faithfully performing the duties of their office.

GRAND TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:
MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS:

I submit herewith statement of receipts and disbursements for the period March 1st, 1950 - February 28th, 1951:—

CREDITS

Balance March 1st, 1950	$11,712.48		
Received from G.S.E.	21,740.53		
Bank Interest	15.00		
	———		$33,468.01

DISBURSEMENTS

Grand Scribe E's Office:			
Compensation G.S.E.	$ 3,000.00		
Office Assistant	1,500.00		
Miscellaneous	574.38		
Rent	814.92		
Audit Fee	400.00		
Printing—Proceedings	1,636.59		
—General	779.79		
Travelling Expenses—Grand Z.	1,334.90		
—General	432.92		
Expenses—Grand Convocation	2,353.60		
—Grand Executive	666.05		
Jewels Engraving and Medals	1,094.69		
Sundry	244.57		
Rental Safety Deposit Box	7.00		
Masonic Library	125.00		
Gratuity—Office Assistant	25.00		
Conference Grand Chapters	601.80		
Transfer to Life Membership	470.69		
Transfer to Centennial Fund	250.00		
Transfer to Victory Thanks. Fund	281.75		
	———	$16,593.65	
Purchased for Re-sale	2,917.08		
Investments	4,005.32		
	———	6,922.40	23,516.05

Balance February 28th, 1951		$ 9,951.96
Savings Bank Balance February 28, 1951	4,345.98	
Current Bank Balance February 28, 1951	5,849.93	
	$10,195.91	
Less outstanding cheques	243.95	
	$ 9,951.96	

VICTORY THANKSGIVING BENEVOLENT FUND

RECEIPTS

Balance March 1st, 1950	$ 2,264.36	
Received from G.S.E.	1,528.70	
Transfer from General Fund	281.75	
Bank Interest	23.19	
		4,098.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Benevolent Grants	1,100.00	
Inspection	50.00	
		1,150.00
Balance February 28, 1951		$ 2,948.00
Bank Balance	2,998.00	
O/S Cheque	50.00	
		2,948.00
	$ 2,948.00	

GRAND CHAPTER LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND

CREDITS

Balance March 1, 1950	$ 62.98	
Received Grand Scribe E.	1,300.00	
Bank Interest	4.55	
		1,367.53

DEBIT

Balance February 28, 1951	$ 1,367.53	
	1,367.53	1,367.53

CHAPTERS' LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND

CREDITS

Transfer from General Fund	$ 70.69	
Bank Interest	.16	
		$ 70.85

DEBIT

Balance February 28th, 1951	70.85	
	$ 70.85	
		$ 70.85

GRAND CHAPTER CENTENNIAL FUND

CREDITS

Transfer from General Fund	$ 250.00	
Bank Interest	.62	
	$ 250.62	$ 250.62

DEBIT

Balance February 28, 1951	$ 250.62	
	$ 250.62	$ 250.62

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN M. BURDEN,
Grand Treasurer.

Examined and Verified,
F. A. R. MACFADDEN, C.A.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, and—

Resolved,—That the Statement of the Grand Treasurer for the year 1950 be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SCRIBE E.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

I present herewith the Annual Report of Cash Receipts and Ledger Balances for the Fiscal Year ending February 28th, 1951, also comparative Statement of Membership for the past five years as of December 31st.

MEMBERSHIP

December 31	Net Increase	Life Members	Admissions	Joinings	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths
1946 — 17624	537	4047	1027	69	55	130	112	372
1947 — 18456	832	4096	1325	79	59	136	117	378
1948 — 19319	856	4049	1317	107	52	132	60	428
1949 — 20060	748	3913	1322	86	48	154	113	441
1950 — 20649	579	3824	1187	100	58	199	112	455

ANNUAL STATEMENT

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR

March 1st, 1950, to February 28th, 1951

No.	Name of Chapter	Amount	Debt. Balance	Credit Balance
1.	Ancient Frontenac & Cataraqui	$ 294.63	$ 9.25	
2.	The Hiram	131.38		
3.	St. John's, London	201.65		
4.	St. Andrew & St. John	115.16		1.15
5.	St. George's	393.13		10.00
6.	St. John's, Hamilton	112.25	3.37	
7.	The Moira	224.38		
8.	King Solomon's	181.83		
15.	Wawanosh	200.00		10.00
16.	Carleton	450.75		
18.	Oxford	177.93		
19.	Mount Moriah	198.93	.63	
20.	Mount Horeb	134.13		
22.	Grenville	60.00		
23.	Ezra	187.91	.60	
24.	Tecumseh	189.75		
26.	St. Mark's	81.51		
27.	Manitou	92.88	1.00	
28.	Pentalpha	207.25		
29.	McCallum	113.88		
30.	Huron	113.82		
31.	Prince Edward	217.15		

No.	Name of Chapter	Amount	Debt. Balance	Credit Balance
32.	Waterloo	120.00		
34.	Signet	60.90	1.27	
35.	Keystone	79.50		
36.	Corinthian	285.63		
37.	Victoria	90.93	3.00	
40.	Guelph	148.78		
41.	Harris	107.68	.38	
44.	Mount Sinai	90.25		
45.	Excelsior	56.13	3.50	
46.	St. James	59.38		
47.	Wellington	144.00		
48.	St. John's, Cobourg	67.88		6.37
53.	Bruce	67.38		
54.	Palestine	266.63		
55.	Niagara	49.01	1.00	
56.	Georgian	47.63		
57.	King Hiram	68.13		.50
58.	Pembroke	No transaction		
59.	Sussex-St. Lawrence	382.38	1.15	
61.	Granite	72.13		
62.	York	107.88		
63.	Havelock	66.26		
64.	Willson	151.00	.63	
65.	St. Paul's	107.00		
66.	The Malloch	57.38		1.13
67.	Enterprise	85.28	.90	
68.	Maitland	92.13	2.50	
69.	Grimsby	53.74		.50
71.	Prince of Wales	141.33		.98
72.	Keystone	62.25		
73.	Erie	92.63		1.12
74.	Beaver	77.13		
75.	St. Clair	50.50		
76.	Mount Nebo	105.63		
77.	Occident	232.65		
78.	Minnewawa	95.37		
79.	Orient	74.38		
80.	Ark	220.38		
81.	Aylmer	106.88	56.88	
82.	Shuniah	252.63		
83.	Ionic	73.63		
84.	Lebanon	81.88		.12
88.	MacNabb	86.38		
90.	Golden	198.35	112.85	
91.	Toronto-Antiquity	194.68	2.50	
94.	Midland	117.01	2.63	
95.	Tuscan	212.63		1.00
102.	Algonquin	244.62		
103.	St. John's, North Bay	89.13		
104.	White Oak	83.00		
110.	Warkworth	42.38		.37
112.	St. John's, Morrisburg	92.50		6.00
113.	Covenant	205.13		
114.	Bonnechere	55.25		

No.	Name of Chapter	Amount	Debt. Balance	Credit Balance
115.	Brant	110.38		
116.	Maple	58.63		
117.	Kitchener	157.50		5.63
119.	King Cyrus	125.00		
129.	Elliott	110.26		10.37
130.	Chantry	50.38		
131.	Amabel	69.86		
132.	Leeds	82.13		
133.	St. Francis	156.56		.25
134.	King Darius	47.25	85.50	
135.	Succoth	63.38		
138.	Shekinah	168.16		
140.	Fort William	183.50		2.99
143.	Glengarry	31.50		
144.	Presqu'Ile	45.46	.08	
145.	The St. Patrick	359.51		
146.	Bernard	94.76		.75
147.	Lucknow	80.38	.50	
148.	St. John's; Vankleek Hill	76.50		3.00
149.	Atwood, Rainy River	45.75		
150.	London	143.00		
151.	Laurentian	104.88		
152.	Alberton	132.78		
153.	Sombra	100.26		
154.	Klondike	74.13	11.75	
155.	Ancaster	61.63	6.63	
161.	Madoc	157.88		
163.	The Beaches	83.75		
164.	Lorne	86.25	52.00	
167.	Kitchikewana	150.56	25.00	
168.	Ionic	111.63		
169.	Temiskaming	93.50		.01
175.	The Hamilton	115.13		.37
184.	Hugh Murray	63.26		
195.	Peel	105.00		
198.	Couchiching	140.38	4.50	
203.	Cobalt	71.00	.38	
205.	Victoria	64.01		
210.	Kitchener	24.75	24.75	
212.	Mount Sinai	178.01	19.38	
213.	Northern Lights	67.26	.38	
214.	Vimy	98.51		
215.	Mimico	92.00		.75
217.	St. Albans	134.75		
218.	Prince Edward	86.50		1.00
219.	Ulster	81.28		.15
220.	Lebanon	115.28		
221.	Durham	20.63	.38	
222.	Ottawa	217.88		
223.	Abitibi	50.88		5.12
224.	Keystone	103.63		1.00
225.	Beaver	97.01	61.13	
226.	Prince of Wales	143.01		
227.	Quinte Friendship	152.03		

No.	Name of Chapter	Amount	Debt. Balance	Credit Balance
230.	Port Credit	90.51		
231.	The St. Clair	183.01		
232.	King Cyrus	70.17		
233.	Oakwood	69.13		
234.	Halton	101.75		
235.	Aurora	84.91		12.65
236.	Caledonia	89.88		
238.	The St. Andrew	179.03		
239.	Blenheim	83.00		
240.	Smithville	45.13		
241.	University	96.71		
242.	St. Paul's	60.76		
243.	McKay	83.38		4.50
245.	Preston	59.63	4.13	
246.	Humber	102.46	13.81	
247.	Nilestown	97.28	.03	
248.	Dochert	69.50		
249.	Palestine	87.70		
250.	Thomas Peters	244.74	1.00	
251.	Kirkland	96.00		
252.	Hiawatha	231.88	68.88	
253.	Regal	78.63		
254.	Golden Star	147.38	.60	
255.	Tillsonburg	153.90		
256.	Yukon	37.00		
		$ 18,642.41	$584.85	$87.78
	Grand Chapter of Alberta	54.80		
	Grand Chapter of British Columbia	205.00		
	Grand Chapter of Manitoba	88.00		
	Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan	100.00		
	Grand Chapter of Quebec	50.00		
	Grand Chapter of New Brunswick	22.00	12.00	
	Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia	8.10		
	Sundry Revenue	57.20		
	Interest	1,845.00		
	Bank Interest	15.00		
		$21,087.51	$596.85	$87.78

CASH RECEIPTS

For Year Ending February 28, 1951

Received from Chapters		$19,583.63
Received from Bank Interest		15.00
Received from Interest on Investments		1,845.00
Received from Sundries		30.00
Received from Exchange		.15
Received from Interest L.M.F. Investments		281.75
		$21,755.53
Accounts Receivable (Since Received)		
Chapters	$436.16	
Sundries	25.00	
		461.16
		$22,216.69

Examined and Verified,
F. A. R. MacFadden, C.A.

To the Scribe E's of the Constituent Chapters my sincere thanks and appreciation for your assistance in this very trying year of changes in our system with the semi-annual Returns. I know you have endeavoured to assist in every way, and your spirit of co-operation is evinced in this my report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Fred. J. Johnson.

Grand Scribe E.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Fred J. Johnson, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Grand Scribe E. for the year 1950 be received and adopted.

AUDITOR'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

To the Most Excellent Companion, Clarence MacLeod Pitts, Grand First Principal, Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Canada, Temple Building, Toronto, Ontario.

MOST EXCELLENT SIR:

I present herewith my annual audit report of the Financial Affairs of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada for its fiscal year ended February 28, 1951, consisting of the following statements and my comments thereon:

Exhibit "A" —Balance Sheet as at February 28, 1951.

Exhibit "B" —Comparative Revenue and Expenditure Account for the year ended February 28, 1951.

Schedule "1" — The Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund as at February 28, 1951.

Schedule "2" — The Life Membership Fund—Grand Chapter as at February 28, 1951.

Schedule "3" — Centennial Fund. As at February 28, 1951.

Schedule "4" — The Chapters' Life Membership Fund as at February 28, 1951.

COMMENTS

The several bank balances set out in the attached statements were verified by the certificate of the depositary as at February 28, 1951 and all of the bank transactions for the fiscal year ended on that date in each of these accounts were examined.

The accounts receivable have been examined and those since paid have been indicated. From the information presently available it would appear that the reserve for uncollected accounts in the amount presently provided should prove adequate to cover probable losses.

The investments of the several funds as listed in the attached statements were examined by me on March 16, 1951. They are held in the same location and custody as in preceding years.

The transactions in the several Special Funds during the fiscal year ended February 28, 1951 and the component assets of each fund at that date are set out in Schedules 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively.

The current liabilities as set out in Exhibit "A" are in accordance with the records of the Grand Scribe E and so far as I have been able to ascertain, all known liabilities were taken up in the books of account as at the close of business February 28, 1951.

The actual revenue and expenditure for the fiscal year ended February 28, 1951, as shown by the books of account of the Grand Scribe E., and the budget for that fiscal year, as approved by Grand Chapter, are set out and compared in Exhibit "B." The Net Revenue for the year was considerably in excess of the anticipated amount. As its title implies, this statement is on an accrual basis and therefore not directly in congruity with those prepared on a cash basis although they have been reconciled by me.

As in preceding years, I have examined the books of account of the Grand Scribe E., and of the Grand Treasurer on a quarterly basis. I have also examined and compared with the records of Grand Chapter, all of the semi-annual returns of the constituent Chapters.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

F. A. R. MacFadden, C.A.

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Current Assets:			
Petty Cash Fund	$ 21.86		
Cash in Bank	9,951.96		
	———	$9,973.82	
Due from Other Funds:			
Life Membership Fund—Grand Chapter	2,523.00		
The Chapters' Life Membership Fund	3.29		
	———	2,526.29	
Accounts Receivable:			
Sundry (since Received)	25.00		
Chapters (since Received)	436.16		
Chapters	509.07		
	———		
	970.23		
Less—Reserve for Uncollected Accounts	139.75	830.48	
Accrued Interest on Investments		515.00	$13,845.59
Investments:			
Dominion of Canada—3%—1960		56,000.00	
Dominion of Canada—3%—1963		3,000.00	

Crown Trust and Guarantee Company —3%—1951	2,500.00	
Province of Ontario—3%—1977	4,000.00	
	———	65,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	580.38	
Less—Reserve for Depreciation	376.64	
	———	203.74
Grand Chapter—Library		250.00
Grand Council—Regalia		75.00
Special Funds:		
The Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund (Schedule "1")	57,140.11	
The Life Membership Fund—Grand Chapter (Schedule "2")	29,069.53	
Centennial Fund (Schedule "3")	500.62	
The Chapters' Life Membership Fund (Schedule "4")	67.56	
	———	86,777.82
		———
		$166,652.15

FEBRUARY 28, 1951

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities		
Due to Centennial Fund	$ 250.00	
Accounts Payable (Including Unexpended Balances)	1,147.70	$1,397.70
Reserves for Special Funds		86,777.82
General Reserve:		
Balance—March 1, 1950	75,328.06	
Add—Adjustments Applicable to Prior Years	466.25	
—Net Revenue (Exhibit "B")	2,682.32	
	———	78,476.63
		———
		$166,652.15

REVENUE

	Estimated Revenue	Actual Revenue	Balance over # or under
Fees	$ 3,300.00	$3,546.50	# $246.50
Dues — Per Capita	12,000.00	12,510.16	# 510.16
Life Membership Dues	2,900.00	2,868.00	32.00
Dispensations	100.00	208.00	# 108.00
Interest — on Investments	1,845.00	1,890.00	# 45.00
Interest — on Bank Deposits		15.00	# 15.00
TOTAL REVENUE	20,145.00	21,037.66	# 892.66
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	18,190.00	18,355.34	# 165.34
NET REVENUE	1,955.00	2,682.32	# 727.32

EXPENDITURE

	Estimated Expenditure	Actual Expenditure	Balance over	# or under
Grand Scribe E:				
Compensation	$ 3,000.00	$3,000.00		
Office Assistant	1,500.00	1,500.00		
Miscellaneous	1,000.00	640.56		
Rent	815.00	814.92		
	6,315.00		$5,955.48	$359.52
Foreign Correspondence—Reviewer	300.00		300.00	
Audit Fee	400.00		400.00	
Printing—Proceedings	2,200.00	1,636.59		
Printing—General	1,100.00	1,242.28		
	3,300.00		2,878.87	421.13
Travelling Expenses:				
Grand "Z"	1,500.00	1,334.90		
General	500.00	432.92		
	2,000.00		1,767.82	232.18
Expenses—Convocation	3,000.00	2,353.60		
Executive Committee	800.00	679.05		
Education and Instruction	500.00	500.00		
	4,300.00		3,532.65	767.35
Jewels, Engraving and Regalia	600.00		657.19	# 57.19
Grant to Masonic Library	125.00		125.00	
Canadian Grand Chapters' Meeting	600.00		601.08	# 1.80
Centennial	250.00		250.00	
Net Cost of Supplies held for Resale			1,828.49	# 1,828.49
Provision for Depreciation			58.04	# 58.04
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	18,190.00		18,355.34	# 165.34

VICTORY THANKSGIVING BENEVOLENT FUND

Balance—March 1, 1950		$56,412.34
Add—Contributions Received	$ 369.96	
—Interest Earned	1,535.43	1,905.39
		58,317.73
Deduct—Benevolence — Grants	1,100.00	
—Benevolence — Inspection	50.00	
—Amortization of Bond Premium	27.62	1,177.62
Balance — February 28, 1951		$57,140.11

ASSETS

Cash in Bank			2,948.00
Accounts Receivable—Interest			71.75
Investments:			
Dominion of Canada—3%—1966 (at par)	$14,200.00		
Add—Unamortized Premium	420.36	14,620.36	

Crown Trust and Guarantee Company 2¾%—1952	26,500.00	
Canada Permanent Trust Company—2¾%—1952	13,000.00	54,120.36
		$57,140.11

GRAND CHAPTER LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Balance—March 1, 1950		$ 30,062.98
Add—Interest on Investments	$ 900.00	
—Bank Interest	4.55	
—Communtations Received	970.00	1,874.55
		$31,937.53
Deduct—1950 Life Membership Dues		2,868.00
Balance—February 28, 1951		29,069.53

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Assets:		
Cash in Bank	1,367.53	
Accrued Interest on Investments	225.00	
Investments:		
Dominion of Canada—3%—1960	30,000.00	31,592.53
Liabilities: (Deduct)		
Due to General Fund		2,523.00
		$29,069.53

GRAND CHAPTER CENTENNIAL FUND

Balance — March 1, 1950		$250.00
Add—Bank Interest	.62	
—Annual Provision from General Fund	250.00	250.62
Balance — February 28, 1951		500.62

ASSETS

Cash in Bank	250.62	
Due from General Fund	250.00	500.62

CHAPTER LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND

Balance—March 1, 1950		$ 68.19
Add—Adjustment from 1949 Accounts	$ 2.50	
—Bank Interest	.16	
—Transfer from General Fund (adjusting interest earned by fund to 3%)	1.96	4.62
		$72.81
Deduct—1950 Chapter Dues Transferred to General Fund and credited to the Chapter's Account		5.25
Balance—February 28, 1951		$67.56

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Assets:		
Cash in Bank	70.85	
Liabilities: (Deduct)		
Due to General Fund	3.29	67.56

REPORT OF PRINTING COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Most Excellent Sir:—

Your Committee on Printing submit the following analysis of expenditures for the year ended February 28, 1951:—

Proceedings and Postage	$1,636.59
General Printing	1,242.28
	$2,878.87

We respectfully request that the following amounts be placed at the disposal of the Committee:—

Proceedings	$2,200.00
General Printing	900.00
New Registers and Binding of Grand Chapter Proceedings	500.00
	$3,600.00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN L. HOUSE,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, seconded R. Ex. Comp. John L. House, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on Printing be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENTS

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z. Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Dominion of Canada Bonds, Interest 3%, payable half-yearly, June 1 and December 1, due June 1, 1960. (Fully Registered)	$56,000.00
Dominion of Canada Bonds, Interest 3%, payable half-yearly, April 1 and October 1, due October 1, 1963. (Fully Registered)	3,000.00
Crown Trust & Guarantee Co., five-year Guaranteed Trust Investment, Interest 3%, payable half-yearly, June 30 and December 31, due June 30, 1951. (Fully Registered)	2,500.00
Province of Ontario, Interest 3%, 1977	4,000.00
	$65,500.00

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT

Dominion of Canada Bonds, Interest 3%, payable half-yearly, June 1 and December 1, due June 1, 1960	$30,000.00

VICTORY THANKSGIVING BENEVOLENT FUND

Dominion of Canada Bonds, Interest 3%, payable half-yearly March 1, and September 1, due September 1, 1966	$ 200.00
Dominion of Canada Bond, Interest 3%, payable half-yearly, March 1 and September 1, due September 1, 1966. (Fully Registered)	10,000.00
Dominion of Canada Bond, Interest 3%, payable half-yearly, March 1 and September 1, due September 1, 1966. Callable September 1, 1961. (Fully Registered)	4,000.00
Crown Trust & Guarantee Co., five-year Guaranteed Trust Investment, Interest 2¾%, payable June 30 and December 31, due March 31st, 1952. (Fully Registered)	20,000.00
Crown Trust & Guarantee Co., five-year Guaranteed Trust Investment, Interest 2¾%, payable June 30 and December 31, due December 31st, 1952. (Fully Registered)	6,500.00
Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation, three-year Investment, Interest 2¾%, payable February 1 and August 1, due February 1, 1952. (Fully Registered)	5,000.00
Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation, three-year Investment, Interest 2¾%, payable February 1 and August 1, due February 1, 1952. (Fully Registered)	3,000.00
Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation, three-year Investment, Interest 2¾%, payable March 1 and September 1, due March 1, 1952, Registered as to Principal	5,000.00
	$149,200.00

All of which is fraternally submitted.

C. Alex. Sollitt,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. J. A. M. Taylor, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on Investments for the year 1950 be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada: Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The Executive Committee through your Committee on Warrants, consisting of R.E. Comp. B. F. Nott (Chairman), R.E. Comps. G. W. Bailey and Chas. Pepper, beg to report as follows:

Although the services of this Committee have not actually been required during the past year, we might refer to last year's report in which the M.Ex. Comp. C. M. Pitts, our Grand First Principal, exercised his prerogative and granted Warrants to Tillsonburg Chapter, No. 255 at Tillsonburg, Ontario, to be placed in Wilson District, No. 3 and to Yukon Chapter, No. 256 at Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, to be placed in Yukon Territory, District No. 17.

It was a most pleasing experience for the Companions of these Districts and immediate vicinity to have their Charters presented and their Chapter Rooms dedicated, severally, by our Grand First Principal, M.E. Comp. C. M. Pitts, at Tillsonburg, Ontario, on October 10, 1950, and by our Grand Third Principal, R.E. Comp. J. A. M. Taylor at Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, on January 17, 1951. Our sincere congratulations are extended to their Officers and members and we convey to them our very best wishes for a happy and successful future as well as an increase in their material and Capitular welfare. More suitable reference to these outstanding events you have just heard from the M.E. the Grand First Principal in his annual address to this Grand Chapter.

Your Committee desires to bring to the special attention of the new chapters and to the older chapters as well a few suggestions:

1. We recommend that, in recording the minutes, the Scribe E. of each chapter leave a substantial margin in which topical notes can be entered.

2. We also recommend to these new Chapters and to the older chapters if they have not already done so, that they appoint a well-qualified Companion to record the history of their Chapter each

year and that a copy of this record be appended to the Chapter minutes. This practice we consider commendable and we would be pleased to find it made universal.

3. We also suggest that copies of the Chapter summonses should be kept in bound form in order that their contents could be suitably preserved not only as records but also for interesting information and future reference. The summonses carry very valuable data relating to the Chapter's activities, more than appears in the recorded minutes.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

B. F. Nott, Chairman.

It was moved by Rt. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw and seconded by R. Ex. Comp. B. F. Nott, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on Warrants be received.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Canada

Most Excellent Sir and Companions—

During 1950, our membership grew from 20,070 to 20,649, an increase of 579, approximately 3%, a very noticeable "slowing up" of growth from our increases of 4.5% in 1947 and 1948. A comparison of our admissions during the last four years gives us 1,325 in 1947, 1,317 in 1948, 1,322 in 1949 and only 1,187 in 1950, showing that the principal reason for this "slowing up", is in receiving 135 less applications in 1950 than in 1947, 1948 or 1949. In this connection, we are glad to learn from the Statistical Reports of our Grand Superintendents that each district has contributed in varying number to this increase. We suggest to our present and past officers, that, as we have nearly 120,000 Craft Masons in the Province of Ontario and the Yukon, a sustained drive for new members should result in gradually increasing additions to our membership, each year.

The degree work of our Chapters is of very high quality, being described by the Superintendents in terms ranging from "good" to

"excellent", "most efficient", "exceptionally fine and uniform" and "very ably performed", several giving credit to the Manual of Instructions for both quality and uniformity. The attendance reported is improving, but is not satisfactory when we consider our total membership. Church Services were more general and well attended in the thickly populated areas, but not in districts where distances are great between Chapters. We hope we can interest the Chapters in these areas by advising them that many Chapters have made a success of holding Church Services for their own companions, only.

We are pleased to see more attention given to the coaching of the candidates between the degrees, so that they are qualified for admission as a visitor to any Chapter, also, to take parts in conferring the degrees in their own Chapters, which we hope will lead to their acceptance as junior officers, where possible. Also, the instruction of the officers in all three degrees at Chapters of Instruction in all districts and by the rehearsal of each degree, shortly before being conferred, in more of our Chapters.

Fraternal Visits, Celebrations of Anniversaries and Special Meetings of all kinds are increasing. All Special Nights have proven to be very beneficial to the Chapters by increasing the interest of their officers and companions in the attendance and general welfare of their Chapters. We will not take the space to list the many "Special Meetings" held in the Province, but feel that the following should be brought to the attention of our officers—

1. On May 13th, 150 companions of the Toronto Districts travelled by bus to Batavia, New York, and exemplified the Holy Royal Arch Degree from our ritual, which visit was returned by the companions of Batavia on September 20th, when they exemplified the Holy Royal Arch Degree, under their ritual, in Toronto.

2. The Third Annual International Night was held by Hiawatha Chapter No. 252 of Sarnia on Saturday, January 20th, 1951, with great success.

3. The "Travelling Triangle" of Prince Edward District No. 11 was lifted by Prince Edward Chapter No. 31 of Picton on May 25th at Keystone Chapter, No. 72—Stirling, when they exemplified the Holy Royal Arch Degree.

4. London District No. 2 held a "Field Day" on Saturday, October 28th, 1950, in London when 50 candidates received the Mark Master Mason Degree and 70 the Most Excellent Master Degree at the afternoon meeting and 80 the Holy Royal Arch Degree at the evening meeting.

Our hard working group of Scribes E received some well-earned praise in most of our Superintendent's reports for having their records up-to-date, which enabled them to answer questions promptly and accurately. These accurate records, plus the cooperation of our Scribes E, are reflected to a very high degree in the general success of each Chapter and the membership and revenue records of Grand Chapter. We congratulate the Scribes E in earning this high praise.

It is a pleasure to see the gradually improving financial positions of our Chapters, due to increases in exaltation fees, annual dues and membership, effective in 1950, even though we find it necessary to, again, call attention to the very large amounts reported as arrears of dues. The information available on this subject covers 15 of our 18 districts with a membership of 17,434 that report arrears of dues amounting to $18,194.00, $1.04 per member, approximately 25% of their annual dues. We refer the officers of all Chapters to their committee's responsibility of contacting each companion in arrears, personally or by telephone, before the end of the year to learn his reason for not paying his dues. This method generally results in the collection of the dues or learning that the companion is unable to pay them because of illness or other unfortunate circumstances, and will obviate the necessity of many suspensions. Also, bringing the attention of the officers to a companion worthy of a share of the Chapter's Benevolent Fund.

We are glad to note, that, in these prosperous times, only 1/3 (52) of our Chapters found it necessary to vote approximately $2,000.00 for Benevolence. In this connection, we will, also, refer to the splendid work still being carried on by the Royal Arch Masons Welfare Committee of the Toronto Districts in transporting underprivileged children to the Bronte Summer Camp and donating comforts and entertainment to the veterans in the Red Chevron Hospital.

We want to congratulate the many recipients of Long Service Medals, 25 years a Past Principal and 50 year a Companion. The

evident pleasure with which our older companions receive, wear and discuss these medals is a valuable asset to Chapter Masonry.

The loss by fire of the Masonic Temple in St. Thomas, including all equipment and some regalia, was a severe blow to the masons of that city and the surrounding district. It has prompted the sympathy of all masons in Ontario, and financial contributions from most of the Masonic bodies and many of the Masons of that district, as well as important amounts from greater distances. We cannot pass this opportunity to ask each of our Chapters to check their fire insurance policies, by assuring themselves, first, of the adequacy of the amounts and, second, of their permanence.

In conclusion and summary, we quote from the reports of our Grand Superintendents and the above, the importance of stressing the following, as needs of our Chapters:—

1. To open our Chapter meetings at the scheduled hour.
2. Each Degree should be rehearsed shortly before being conferred.
3. That every care be taken in the appointment and promotion of the officers.
4. Coach all candidates thoroughly after conferring each degree.
5. Inter-Chapter and Inter-District visits pay dividends of increased interest in our Chapters and attendance at our meetings.
6. We still need new Chapters, also, higher membership and increased attendance in our Chapters.
7. That more attention be given to fraternizing with the newly exalted companions in the social hour.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

C. A. Bailey

L. B. Boyle

W. H. Brady

E. G. Drew

W. B. Stothers, Chairman

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. W. Bailie Stothers, and—

Resolved,—That the Report of the Executive Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry for the year 1950, be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION LAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Canada

One notice of motion to amend Section 64 of the Constitution of Grand Chapter was presented within the prescribed time.

There is no legal objection to this notice of motion being considered by Grand Chapter at this Convocation.

Fraternally Submitted,

JOHN M. BURDEN, Chairman

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on Constitution Laws and Jurisprudence be received and adopted.

PRESENTATION OF RAM'S HORN

R. Ex. Comp. Taylor, Grand J., gave a very interesting description and talk of his trip with the Grand S. E. to the Yukon Territory and presented to M. Ex. Comp. Pitts, Grand Z., and the Grand Chapter of R. A. M. of Canada a Ram's Horn on behalf of the Companions of Yukon Chapter, No. 256 G.R.C.

The following memory notes give description of the Horn and its adornments:—

"This evening we witnessed the beautiful ceremony of Dedication. During the course of the rite we heard of the annointing with the horn of oil—presumably the horn of a ram. Many centuries ago the sun was in the Sign of the the Ram, or Aries. Due to the precession of the equinox the sun has gradually worked through other signs of the zodiac, as it crosses the equator on the vernal equinox. There is an abundance of astronomical symbolism in both Craft and Royal Arch Masonry.

On the face of the horn you will note a keystone, it is made by one of our Companions from mastodon ivory; these huge creatures once roamed the Yukon in great numbers. This ivory was discovered on the Klondike River, and from the same place comes the nugget of pure placer gold imbedded on the keystone. The ivory is between 20,000 and 30,000 years old.

The horn itself is from a young Rocky Mountain ram, probably a Dall Sheep, and was shot at Lake Arkell, about 50 miles west and slightly south of Whitehorse. In presenting the Horn of the Ram to Grand Chapter through you, Rt. Ex. Sir, let it symbolize both the Sign of Aries—the first sign of the zodiac, a beginning, a new life—and the spirit of the Yukon."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The Committee on Finance submits herewith its report for the year ending February 28th, 1951.

The Members of this Committee are glad to be able to report that the financial condition of this Grand Chapter is in a sound position, and it is our opinion that by exercising careful control of expenditures we should be able to maintain this favourable financial position.

This Committee would like to express their appreciation to the Constituent Chapters for the splendid manner in which they have co-operated with the Grand Scribe E in sending in the Semi-Annual Returns for the year.

Exhibit "B" of the Auditor's Report, which sets out in detail the actual Revenue and Expenditure, shows that the year's operations have resulted in a Net Revenue of $2,682.32, and this amount has been credited to the General Reserve, as shown in Exhibit "A".

Schedule "1" sets out the position of the "Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund", as at the end of the fiscal year. The contributions received during the years amounted to $369.96, and the Interest earned $1,535.43. The balance of the credit of this Fund now amounts to $57,140.11. It will be noted that the contributions to the Fund this year were rather small, and your Committee, having in mind possible increased Benevolent Grants in the years that lie ahead, owing to the reduced purchasing power of the present-day dollar, would like to see the capital sum of this Fund increased in order that the interest yield can meet any increase in grants that may arise in the future. We are, therefore, prompted to suggest that some thought be given to the advisability of again contacting those Chapters that did not meet their original quota.

Subsequent to the Convocation last year Grand Chapter was notified of a change of ownership of the Temple Building, Toronto, in which the Grand Chapter Office is located, and of an increase in rental. Unable to secure office accommodation comparable to what we now have, a new lease was executed for a period of Five

years, dated March 1st, 1951, at an annual rental of $1,380.00, and we ask your approval of this action.

The Grand Scribe "E", R. Ex. Comp. Fred J. Johnson, has filled this important executive office of Grand Chapter in a most capable and efficient manner, and your Committee recommends for your approval that he receive a Compensation of $3,600. per annum, also that Miss Colling, the Office Assistant, receive a salary of $1,800.00 per annum. Both these adjustments to be retroactive to March 1st, 1951.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We have given most careful consideration to the Revenue and Expenditures for the Fiscal year ending February 28th, 1952, and accordingly submit for your approval the following estimates:

REVENUE

Fees — Registration	$3,300.00	
Dues — Per Capita	12,700.00	
Life Membership — Dues	2,800.00	
Dispensations	200.00	
Interest on Investments	1,965.00	
	———	$20,965.00

EXPENDITURE

Grand Scribe "E"—Compensation	$3,600.00	
—Office Assistant	1,800.00	
—Miscellaneous	1,200.00	
—Rent	1,380.00	
Foreign Correspondence — Reviewer	300.00	
Audit Fee	400.00	
Printing — Proceedings	2,200.00	
— General	1,400.00	
Travelling Expenses — Grand "Z"	1,500.00	
— General	500.00	
Expenses — Convocation	2,700.00	
— Executive Committee	1000.00	
— Education and Instruction	500.00	
Jewels and Engraving	600.00	
Grant to Masonic Library	125.00	
Canadian Grand Chapter Meeting	650.00	
Centennial Fund	250.00	
Grand Z Regalia	250.00	
I.P.G.Z. Testimonial	350.00	
	———	$20,705.00

This Committee wishes to record its appreciation to the Grand Z, the Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Scribe E for their co-operation throughout the year.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

K. W. Carrie, Chairman

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. K. N. Carrie, and—

Resolved,—That the Report of the Committee on Finance be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:—

"Father in Thy gracious keeping,
Leave we now Thy servants sleeping".

We are now passing another milestone in our fraternal journey through life and as we glance along the ranks we find that many have fallen by the wayside since our last Convocation in 1950.

Among the missing ones are some who then showed signs of weariness; but refused to yield to the insistent call of their infirmities and with perhaps no small degree of pain and discomfort to themselves kept pace with us in our labours and festivities, serving to the end with their remaining strength, our order which they held so dear. Many others, apparently in the full vigor of their strong manhood, who for years have borne their burdens lightly and with no outward show of weakness have been summoned from us by that dread messenger who brooks no delay and accepts no excuse! The heavy hand of death has fallen upon others, who with brisk steps and light hearts had just entered upon careers which gave promise of great usefulness. Twelve months ago our departed brethren were as earnest and ambitious as any of us in their endeavors to live up to the standard of the ideal Mason, were buoyed up by the same hopes and chastened by the same trials, and twelve months hence the voices of many of us who now lament the loss of them, may be as still as theirs.

As we look about us and with grateful hearts recognize the splendid work that is being carried on by the stalwart leaders of our order, we often wonder what will befall the structure they have reared if they should be taken from us. We have so long depended upon their leadership that we feel without their guiding hand our efforts would be of little avail. So did they feel towards their predecessors when they first took up the burden. But with all our losses, and they have been severe ones, and with all our fears and misgivings, and they have been very real, Royal Arch Masonry was never stronger nor more progressive than it is today and at no time in its history was it more capable of doing good and of rendering valuable service to a tortured world than at the present hour. The blessings flowing from fidelity to the principles of brotherly love, relief and truth are not for one day, year or generation, but for eternity, and our companions who exemplified these Masonic virtues in their daily lives builded for all time. They would not have us sit in idle sorrow or dim our vision with tears shed for them, but, if they could speak to us now they would beg of us to take their unfinished tasks. The highest tribute we can pay to their memory is to emulate what was good in them so that they, though dead, shall live in our good works.'

Though death has cast its dark shadow over our pathway and brought sorrow to many homes, there is little we can do to comfort those who mourn. Yet we must ever bear in mind that the darker the shadow, the stronger is the light beyond, which, for the time, is hidden from our view. Those upon whom the burden of grief falls most heavily should receive some solace from the grateful remembrance of the bright rays of the useful and well spent lives which prepared those loved ones for the more glorious life beyond. For truly, "Tis better to have loved and lost

Than never to have loved at all."

During the year we have lost by death 455 of our companions. This is the largest number in many years and while we regret that we cannot comment on each one individually, it is becoming that special reference should be made to the passing of Most Excellent Companion—George Lawrence Gardiner.

In the passing of George Lawrence Gardiner, Toronto has lost one of its native sons who endeared himself to all whom he came in contact with.

In business he was well and favourably known particularly in the Photo Engraving and Graphic Art. He was Vice-President and Director of the Photo Engravers & Electrotypers Limited. During the Second Great War, he was one of the Dominion Government's key men on Printing and Publicity.

He was a keen sportsman being prominently associated with many clubs and organizations. He was an enthusiastic golfer. In politics he was well known and respected in various organizations.

In Masonry he had a very active career. Initiated in Beaches Lodge, A.F.&A.M., No. 473 and became Worshipful Master in 1915. He was also active in the formation of St. Aiden's Lodge No. 567 and Victory Lodge No. 547. In 1922 was elected D.D.G.M. and in 1926, President of the Past Masters' Association of the Toronto Districts.

In Royal Arch Masonry, he was exalted in The Beaches Chapter No. 163; 1908 passed through the chairs; was elected First Principal in 1914; elected Grand Superintendent of Toronto District No. 8 in 1917; the following year elected to the Grand Executive Committee, and for the next ten years was Chairman of one of its most important Committees. In 1920 he became the President of the Toronto Principals' Association; he became the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in 1935-6, and for the past ten years he was Chairman of Fraternal Correspondence and Historian. In this office he has written to all parts of the English-speaking Masonic World. His reviews are works of Art and his fame will live forever.

Other distinguished Companions who answered the call were:

V. Ex. Comp. H. T. Scott.
V. Ex. Comp. T. Stewart McDonald.
R. Ex. Comp. J. Clifford Cooper.
V. Ex. Comp James McAllister.
R. Ex. Comp. John Middleton.
V. Ex. Comp. Stuart M. Campbell
R. Ex. Comp. James K. Martin.
V. Ex. Comp. John McJannett.
V. Ex. Comp. Harold G. Whitney.
V. Ex. Comp. W. G. Irwin.
R. Ex. Comp. John Wm. Odell.
R. Ex. Comp. Homer M. Borthwick.
R. Ex. Comp. Morgan R. Griffiths.
R. Ex. Comp. J. H. Culp.
R. Ex. Comp. A. C. Larter.
V. Ex Comp W. J. Damp.
R. Ex. Comp. A. H. Knutson.
R. Ex. Comp. J. A. V. Preston.
R. Ex. Comp. R. C. Thompson.
R. Ex. Comp. Charles L. Davidson.
V. Ex. Comp. W. M. H. Quartermaine.
V. Ex. Comp. Wilber Clow.
R. Ex. Comp. Vivian M. Hare
R. Ex. Comp. Juluis W. Reynard.
R. Ex. Comp. Oliver Coles.
V. Ex. Comp. H. T. Scott.
V. Ex. Comp. G. J. Hanes
V. Ex. Comp. Arthur Cohen.
V. Ex. Comp. William Hughes
V. Ex. Comp. W. E. Millar.

To our Sister Jurisdictions in the Dominion of Canada and the United States of America we extend sincere sympathy for the loss of their distinguished Companions

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta—
Most Ex. Comp George Brown McLeod—Grand Z. 1922.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia—
Most Ex. Comp. John MacLeod—Grand Z. 1948.
Most Ex. Comp. John James Miller—Grand Z. (Hon).

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba—
Most Ex. Comp. John Thomas Boyd—Grand Z. 1942.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alabama—
M. Ex. Comp. Henry Curtis McGee—Past G.H.P. 1937.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arizon—
M. Ex. Comp. James Claffey—Past G.H.P.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Colorado—
M. Ex. Comp. Charles Lewis Young—Grand Lecturer 1922-1950.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Illinois—
M. Ex. Comp. Harry Warner Harvey—Past G.H.P.
M. Ex. Comp. Gustav Henry Mueller—Past G.H.P.
M. Ex. Comp. Wiliam Finley Cammell—Deputy G.H.P.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Iowa—
M. Ex. Comp. Nathan LeRoy Hicke—Past G.H.P.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Kentucky—
R. Ex. Comp. Ernest Neeve Hart—Grand Chaplain

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Maine—
R. Ex. Comp. Ralph Harmon Burbank—Grand S.E. 1905
R. Ex. Comp. John Voden Tucker—Past Grand King 1925

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Maryland—
M. Ex. Comp. Richard Henry Williams—Past G.H.P.
M. Ex. Comp. E. Granville Shirley—Past G.H.P.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Massachusetts—
M. Ex. Comp. Arthur Dow Prince—Past Grand High Priest.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Michigan—
M. Ex. Comp. Albert Trebilcock—Past G.H.P. 1929-30.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Nebraska—
M. Ex. Comp. Benjamin F. Pitman—Past G.H.P.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Nevada—
M. Ex. Comp. Henry W. Miles—Past G.H.P.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New Jersey—
M. Ex. Comp. Daniel L. Campbell—Past G.H.P.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York—
M. Ex. Comp. Jared A. Reed—Past G.H.P. 1916.
M. Ex. Comp. John F. Birmingham—Past GH.P. 1925.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of North Carolina—
M. Ex. Comp. Millard F. McKeel—Grand Secretary.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of North Dakota—
M. Ex. Comp. Walter L. Stockwell—Grand Secretary.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Ohio—
M. Ex. Comp. Harry Willcox Lloyd—Past G.H.P. 1918-1919.
M. Ex. Comp. John P. Kuhns—Past G.H.P. 1923-24.
M. Ex. Comp. Emmit Elmer Everett—Psat G.H.P. 1916-1917.
M. Ex. Comp. Mont Clermont Hambright—Past G.H.P. Grand Secy. 1928-50.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Oklahoma—
M. Ex. Comp. John Waldwyn Barbour—Grand Treasurer 1935-50.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Oregon—
M. Ex. Comp. James Harry Richmond—Past Grand High Priest 1933
M. Ex. Comp. Ned Hunter Gallaway—Past Grand High Priest 1944-45.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Rhode Island—
M. Ex. Comp. Arthur Baldwin Tyler—Past G.H.P. 1913-1914.
M. Ex. Comp. James Stephen Grott—Past G.H.P. 1944-1945

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of South Carolina—
M. Ex. Comp. Oliver Franklin Hart—Past G.H.P.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Texas—
M. Ex. Comp. Jewel P. Lightfoot—Past Grand High Priest 1939-40

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Vermont—
M. Ex. Comp. George Frank Root—Past G.H.P. 1922
M. Ex. Comp. Clarence M. Baker—Past G.H.P.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Washington—
M. Ex. Comp. Lee Allen—Past G.H.P.
M. Ex. Comp. Stanley G. Picknell—Past G.H.P.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Wisconsin—
M. Ex. Comp. Milton G. Kaumheimer—Past G.H.P.
M. Ex. Comp. Rudolph H. Zimmerman—Past G.H.P.
M. Ex. Comp. William F. Weiler—Past G.H.P.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Wyoming—
M. Ex. Comp. William J. Hagans—Past G.H.P. 1932.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England—
His Grace the Duke of Devonshire—First Grand Principal.

DEATHS—1950

1 Osborne Caines, Arnold W. Dugan, Arthur W. Parker, Gordon Lewis Hawley. 2—William Henry Yates, Herbert Naylor, Thomas Mason, Frederick Molineux, James Gough, Thomas Booker, George Peters, James Bain, Thomas Bryson, Ray Phillips Lehn, James Rosie, William J. Jackson, Frank W. Beare. 3—Edmond Haydon, Richard Johnston, Wm. G. Willis, Robert Coates, Stuart M. Campbell, Comps. Gilbert, Stephenson, Robinson. 4—William Markle, Daniel A. Pines, M. J. Singer, Charles E. Sanderson, LeRoy E. P. Montgomery. 5—Thomas Laughlin Elliott, Harry Francis Rogers, Wm. Knowles Coldicott, Morton Dales Hambly, Marshall Thomas, John Angus Kennedy, John Cornwall Butler, William Joseph White, Harry J. Bennett, Gordon Stanley Minaker, George William Constable. 6—Charles Phinn, Harry V. Wilson, Sam S. McNeilly, C. H. Treblicock. 7—F. D. Hulley, W. C. Mikel, W. Mattis, A. B. Stewart. 8—J. McAllister, D. Kennedy, D. R. Steeves, G. L. Gardiner, J. B. Thomson, John Luscombe, G. D. Qua. 15—John R. MacAlpine, George H. Weston, Thomas Henry Carter, Arthur Henry Payne, W. E. McKelvey, D. E. Napper, W. L. Morris. 16—John S. Craig, Charles Wm. Powers, Stephen R. Waggoner, Frederick A. Willsher, John Middleton, Arthur George Gladman, Robert S. Simpson, Samuel Wm. James Tyers, J. P. Chisholm, D. J. Fraser, A. V. Webb, A. H. Shouldice. 18—Robert Young Morrison, John C. Davey, John McJannett, Wallace McWhinnie, James K. Martin. 19—Arthur Dean, Archibald A. Macfarlane, W. J. Vickers, A. L. Holmes, H. B. Burgoyne, A. J. Haines. 20—Reginald Robert Whale, Dr. Robert L. Hutton, Ernest Moule. 22—Harold George Whitney, Robert Andrew Miller. 23—A. C. Burt, Walter Proven. 24—A. C. Murdy, M. A. Humber, George Banks, W. G. Irwin, W. D. O. Martin, G F Normabell, Wm. Hamilton. 26—John Alfred Crews, E. H. Hardy. 27—William McLean, John McGillivary. 28—William Hare, Wm. Arthur Coad, K. S. Cliff, John Turnbull, J. H. Cooper.

29—Wilbur J. Appleyard. 30—James W. MacVicar, Morris Robins. 31—Hanson Donahue Huff, Alfred McConnell, W. D. Bedell, M. E. Branscombe, M. L. Werden. 32—W. H. Scheiber, W. S. Fallen, H. H. Oder. 34—John E. Warren, Wessley B. Webb, J. M. Young, Duncan F. McCuaig, H A. Love. 35—Graydon M. Goodfellow, Robert S. Simpson. 36—George W. Haley, Charles Lacheur. 37—Ernest K. Taylor, N. S. Choate, M. W. Dunbar. 40—William Templeman, George Booth, James Auty, Richard Montgomery, Charles Robertson. 41—Robt. Young Morrison, J. K. Martin, W. H. Street. 44—Reginald Wessman, Donald Ernest Caton. 45—Rev. William Sterling, W. J. Cochrane, C. F. Gummer. 47—William Stead, John C. Stewart, James Slater. 48—John William Odell, Alfred LeRoy Jex. 53—P. R. Wynn. 54—William West, H. B. Barnes, James H. Tanner, A. Irwin, Franklin Poole. 56—George Harold Holmes, James Newton Pearson, John Henry Hart. 59—Homer M. Borthwick, E. G. Rudd, J. H. Foan, Frank W. Logan, F. H. Kay. 61—Thomas E. Argue. 62—Henry Samuel Alexander, R. V. Harper. 63—Herbert M. Gledhill, Arthur C. Rogers. 64—Harry Ford, Arthur J. Coniam, Robert Dick. 65—George Henry Ross, Morgan R. Griffiths, G. L. Gardiner, George Frederick Kingston, Daniel Urquhart, H. F. Darrell, R. Wherry, R. A. Montgomery. 66—Charles Wi Cooper, H. E. Jeffery, E. M. Digman, John Grant. 67—William Fisher, John Youngson, Thomas Richardson, John G. Wallace, T. J. Snell, P. E. Miller. 68—James L. Patterson, Robert W. Watchorn. 69—J. H. Culp, Wm. Montgomery, 71—Harry Hodgeman, Frederick Baltzer. 73—Frank D. McMagee, John Gladstone, Albert Hitchcock. 76—Spence J. Vanderburg, Louis Fischer. 77—W. D. Sprinks, C. W. Field, George Cumming, Wm. Sindrey, W. P. Cooper, A. C. Larter, Joseph Palmer, W. J. Damp, W. G. Newman, D. E. Caton, A. H. Bleakern, A. G. McInevre, C. W. Macey, W. W. Morring, W. W. Perkins, J. H. Warwick, James Doughty, George L. Gardiner. 79—George H. Roworth, E. E. Murby, W. A. Coy, 80—J. S. Ross, H. C. Philp, J. J. Bowden, O. J. Hodgkin, E. B. Winter, R. M. Bright, P. J. McConnell. 81—Robert H. Harris, J. A. Newell. 82—G. T. Clarkson, W. A. Herriott, A. H. Knutson, C. A. Johnston, Thomas Bryant, W. T. McEachren, James Bruce Amm. 83—John A. V. Preston, Frank Sinclair. 84—F. C. Fuller, R. C. Thompson. 90—T. J. Cherry. 91—E. J. Trist, James Craigie. 94—W. Clark, J. Millen, J. A. Walton, Wm. H. Cresswell, Robert Wallace, G. W. Sheppard, Wm. J. McMahon, Wm. Gilbert, Chas. Davidson. 95—N. H. Bowers, D. W. W. Stewart, F. G. Edward, John R. Tweddle, F. N. Downe. 102—J. T. Pratt, J. C. McLean, Wm. T. McLean, Dr. J. R .McRae, J. W. Poole. 103—Stanley V. Hatt, Thomas Phillips. 112—Walter Edwin Thom. 113—Roy M. Nichol, James D. Watt, W. C. McGuire, A. L. MacDougal. 114—W. M. H. Quartermaine, J. R. Stewart. 115—A. E. Cockburn, B H. Stewart, Dr. E. B. Patterson. 116—John Lowe. 117—Earl Koch, W. F. Hassenauer, Herman Kraatz. 119—William M. Henderson, William A. Baker. 129—R. C. Capper, C. J. Moore, W. G. Irwin. 130—Arthur Plant. 132—W. V. Bulloch, Henry G. Dean, Robert N. Cummings, Wilber Clow. 133—George H. Francis, Wm. J. Johnson. 135—O. H. Ackney. 138—H. A. Topham, S. Wessman, J. Redford, B Press, W. Mayall, W. H. Aishford, C. R. Butler, W. J. Donaldson, W. J. Coulter, T. Jewel, Wm. Townsend, Wm. Mellis, R. Hannah, J. M. Hain, Charles Williams, J. L. Walker, J. G. Musson, W. S. Willard, T. H. Eades, D. D. MacDonald, T. W. Hughes, A. W. Campbell, J. F. McLennan, J. G Cross, H G. Humphrey, W. G. Scholes, A. B. Rice, E. J. Raybold. 140—Wm. James Everson, John E. Arnold, D. McLean, T. McCranor, O. Coles. 143—T. W. Munroe, F. H. McMillan. 144—M. Hugh Maitland. 145—F. A. Lalonde, Charles Caswell, W. M. Cole, W. J. Damp, M. F. Wiles, W. H. Hunter, T. H. Lemon, A. C. Allen, J. Doughty, George L. Gardiner, S. Hill, J. McCrone, John Noble. 149—George Ross. 150—James Muirhead Mills, W. T. Orchard. 152—F. B. Blakely, J. McQuarrie. 153—George H. Bowen. 154—G. A. Jackell, E. O. Ellingson, A. E. Johnson, J. Maclennan, C. B. Marcil. 155—C. F. J. Woodley, Charles E. Anderson. 161—Robert Shaw. 163—George L. Gardiner. 164—David F. Webster, Arthur Petherick, John A.

Ford, A. E. Roberts, J. R. Milner. 167—Fred Hannah, D. Dewitt, N. McGinnis, R. F. White, George Rae, Alex. McCuaig. 168—H. E. Locke, H. T. Scott, R. Melville, Robert Flynn, James R. Rumney, A. Kniewasser. 169—Leonard Hill. 175—Frank Peace, Ralph C. Ripley. 184—Geo. J. Hanes.,195—Charles E. Trought. 198—David M. Radcliffe, George E. Clipsham, D. R. Dunlop. 203—James H. Munro. 212—A. I. Cohen, George L. Gardiner, M. Michaelson, Sydney Mandel. 213—J. S. Amm, Thomas Blackman, James C. MacElwee. 215—E. A. Reed, W. J. Hall, George Aymer, W. T. Harper. 217—Richard W. Hind, William Hughes. 218—Silas A. McKelvie, James Cassie. 219—John Maxwell, David Campbell. 220—N. F. D. Kelley, Albert E. Mercer. 222.—L. Sherwood, W. A. Dier, James Cochrane, T. E. McGrail, R. M. Cairns, William Brooks, M. A. Swerdfager. 225—R. R. Wakeman, Samuel Hyde, Nathan White. 226—Wellington, Douglas. 230—Wellington E. Millar. 231—M. C. Fairplay, C. W. Webb, F. F. S. Poulter, D. G. Bell. 232—John Dyce 233—F. A. McGregor, J. R. MacNicol, A. A. Anderson, F. G. Widner. 235—D. B. Kinsey, P. M. Thompson, Percy Ash. 236—James E. Stubbs, Albert Martineau, J. S. Douglas. 238—George Roy Gardner. 239—John L. Gosnell, C. F. Pardo. 240—John E. Lymburner, C. A. Grassie. 241—Sidney G. Fryer. 243—A. C. Lee. 248—John M. Ritchie. 250—Wm. H. Leith, C. A Whitelaw. 252—W. N. Riddle. 253—A. B. Hoover, A. J. Schubert, Milton Woodger.

Rt. Ex. Comp. H. S. Cade
R. A. Bilbrough,
Chas. MacDonald,
Russell H. Davidson,
F. M. Reid,
Robert Clark, Chairman

April 25th, 1951.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Robert Clark, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Canada

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:—

Your Committee on Benevolence has considered the application for relief and we recommend that an appropriation be made in the estimates for grants to the following:

Chapter No.	1—Widow of G. McNamee	$ 100.00
Chapter No.	8—Widow of R. Johnson	100.00
Chapter No.	53—Daughter of J. Sinclair	100.00
Chapter No.	62—Widow of S. Brewster	100.00
Chapter No.	119—Widow of S. Gardiner	100.00

Chapter No. 145	—Daughter of J. Curry	200.00
Chapter No. 231	—Comp. Harry Haynes	100.00
Special	—Widow of R. H. Spencer	100.00
Special	—Widow of Edwin Smith	200.00
		$1,100.00

We further recommend that an amount of $200.00 be provided for interim relief, if it be needed before the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

R. B. Dargavel,
R. N. McElhinney,
D. C. Patmore, Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. D. C. Patmore, and—

Resolved,—That the Report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

Committee on Benevolence

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. J. A. M. Taylor, and—

The following Companions comprise the Committee on Benevolence and are members of the Executive Committee of Grand Chapter for their respective terms:—

M. Ex. Comp. R. B. Dargavel, retires in 1953.
R. Ex. Comp. D. C. Patmore, retires in 1954.
R. Ex. Comp. Robert N. McElhinney, retires in 1952.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

To The M. Ex. the Grand Z
Officers and Members of
The Grand Chapter of R.A.M., Canada
Companions:—

The special committee on awards for the Distinguished Service Medal, beg leave to report as undermentioned,— Your committee have recommended that the undermentioned Companions be awarded the Distinguished Service Medal—

Companion William James Taylor, Carleton Chapter, No. 16 G.R.C.
Companion Robert Richard Cooper, Peel Chapter, No. 195 G.R.C.

Companion Robert Starr, Corinthian Chapter, No. 36 G.R.C.
Companion G. Tinker, King Solomon Chapter, No. 8 G.R.C.
Companion William T. Lowe, the St. Clair Chapter, No. 231 G.R.C.

Several applications have been returned to the office of the Grand Scribe E. as the chapter concerned had not complied with the regulations governing the award.

It is recommended that the office of the Grand Scribe E. again remind chapters of the necessity of complying with the regulations governing the award, and also reminding the constituent chapters that this award is only granted for outstanding service away over and beyond the normal duties required from members, that mere regularity and punctuality in attendance over a period of years in no way qualifies a companion for this award.

It is further recommended that chapters could save a member embarrassment if the application were first forwarded with full evidence of Masonic service and citation to the Grand Scribe E to be considered by the Award Committee and then if approved the notice of motion and vote in open chapter could be taken.

It is pointed out that service as a Scribe E, Treasurer or Tyler for which a remuneration is usually paid does not in itself qualify a companion for this award, no matter what length of service has been given. This award corresponds to the Victoria Cross for the soldier. Service must be outstanding.

R. V. Conover, P.G.Z., Chairman
R. B. Dargavel, P.G.Z.,
L. F. Stephens, P.G.Z.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. R. V. Conover, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. R. B. Dargavel and—

Resolved,—That the Report on Award for the Distinguished Service Medal be received and adopted.

COMMITTEE ON AWARDS FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. J. A. M. Taylor, and—

The following Companions comprise the Committee on Awards for the Distinguished Service Medal, for Grand Chapter for their respective terms:—

M. Ex. Comp. R. V. Conover, 1953 Chairman
M. Ex. Comp. R. B. Dargavel, 1952
M. Ex. Comp. L. F. Stephens, 1954

GRAND CHAPTER "CALLED-OFF"

Grand Chapter was "Called Off" at 4.30 o'clock p.m., to permit the Delegates to select their Grand Superintendents and elect the Officers of Grand Chapter for the ensuing year and the next place of meeting.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 1951

Grand Chapter was "Called On" at 9.30 o'clock a.m.

ELECTION REPORT

V. Ex. Comp. S. G. Newdick, Chairman, and V. Ex. Comp. James T. Gilchrist, Vice-Chairman, presented the results of the Elections as follows:—

R. Ex. Comp. Alexander George Noel Bradshaw..... Grand Z.
R. Ex. Comp. John Alexander MacDonald Taylor ..... Grand H.
R. Ex. Comp. John Loftus House..... Grand J.
R. Ex. Comp. Canon Loring Foreman Crothers .....Grand Chaplain
M. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, K.C. .....Grand Treasurer
R. Ex. Comp. Fred J. Johnson ..... Grand Scribe E.
R. Ex. Comp. Benjamin Samuel Scott ..... Grand Scribe N.
R. Ex. Comp. Walter J. Brackner ..... Grand Principal Sojourner
R. Ex. Comp. Leslie J. Colling ..... Grand Registrar

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Elected

R. Ex. Comp. Benjamin Foss Nott,
R. Ex. Comp. William Bailie Stothers
R. Ex. Comp. Kenneth Norman Carrie
R. Ex. Comp. Robert Clark
R. Ex. Comp. Maurice Arthur Searle

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

The nominations for Grand Superintendents were submitted to the Most Excellent the Grand Z., who was pleased to approve, and the following selections were confirmed:—

R. Ex. Comp. Frank Joseph Armstrong.....St. Clair District No. 1
1095 Pelissier Ave., Windsor, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Arnold Stewart McLean .....London District No. 2
Box 574, Petrolia, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Lyle Leland Mansfield .....Wilson District No. 3
Box 815, Ingersoll, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. David Albert Cox .....Wellington District No. 4
Box 195, Palmerston, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Fred Eastwood ..... Hamilton District No. 5
46 Rosslynn Ave. N., Hamilton, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. K. Murray MacLennan .....Huron District No. 6
Wingham, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Orland Merritt Krick .....Niagara District No. 7
Box 42, Dunnville, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Arthur Pickles .....Toronto East District No. 8
7 Glen Robert Dr., Toronto 13, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Samuel Perlman .....Toronto West District No. 8A
18 Highbourne Rd., Toronto, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Charles Percival Eagles .....Georgian District No. 9
46 Quebec St., Midland, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Hamilton Olley Taylor .....Ontario District No. 10
365 College St., Cobourg, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Thomas Nayler .....Prince Edward District No. 11
Box 185, Madoc, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Lawrence Noble Armstrong.....St. Lawrence District No. 12
146 Wellington St., Kingston, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Edgar Troy Wood .....Ottawa District No. 13
Westmeath, Pembroke, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Frank Ryder .....Algoma District No. 14
1428 Hamilton Ave., Fort William, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. James George Maroosis.....New Ontario District No. 15
106 Main St. E., North Bay, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Frank Wills ..... Temiskaming District No. 16
31 Second Ave., Schumacher, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. C. H. Chapman .....Yukon Territory District, No. 17
Dawson City, Yukon Territory.

The newly appointed Grand Superintendents were subsequently addressed and given the necessary instructions as to the duties appertaining to their office.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

The Ninety-Fourth Annual Convocation will be held in the City of Toronto, Ontario on Wednesday and Thursday, April 23, and 24, 1952, commencing at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, as per Section 20, of the Constitution.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND Z's. ADDRESS

Again your Committee has been privileged to read and review an address by M. Ex. Comp. Pitts.

A year ago we expressed our appreciation of the high spirit and determination with which our Grand Z faced the coming year, and we have not been disappointed. It is a record of high ideals coupled with great energy, rewarded with outstanding success.

We unite with him in welcoming our visitors from the several jurisdictions of Free Masonry. These recurring associations with the leaders of the Craft stimulate the flow of friendship and brotherly love, the very life blood of our world wide fraternity.

With him we join in expression of sadness in the death of M.

Ex. Comp. Gardiner and M. Ex. Comp. Williamson. They will remain fresh and vivid in our memories.

Our deepest sympathies go out to the Companions of the Grand Chapter of England and British Columbia in the great losses death has imposed upon them.

The record of activities of M. Ex. Comp. Pitts speaks for itself. He has, indeed, given freely and fully of his time and outstanding ability in the performance of his varied duties.

We would with him express our appreciation of the task undertaken by R. Ex. Comp. Taylor and R. Ex. Comp. Johnson in their visit to the Chapters in the Yukon District. We would wish for our Companions in the far-off Yukon a full measure of success.

It was with great interest that we read of the participation of our Grand Chapter in the so very important work and plans of the Conference of Grand Chapters and of the Canadian Masonic Research Association.

We endorse the statement of our Grand Z that there cannot be any encroachment upon the sovereignty which is inherent in each Grand Chapter. Therefore, we do not endorse resolutions by those bodies which will have to be decided by this Grand Chapter.

The records of membership and financial status are a source of satisfaction to us all and we will, I am sure, maintain great interest in the efforts and plans of the Membership Committee as set up by our Grand Z.

Your Committee would express the sincere hope that each and every Royal Arch Mason in our great Jurisdiciton would not only read, but re-read and study earnestly this outstanding addition to our Masonic records.

Respectfully submitted.

LLEWELLYN F. STEPHENS, Chairman.
R. V. CONOVER, P. Grand Z.
R. B. DARGAVEL, P. Grand Z.
J. M. BURDEN, P. Grand Z.
F. W. DEAN, P. Grand Z.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. L. F. Stephens and seconded by M. Ex. Comp. R. V. Conover, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on the Grand Z's address be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND INSTRUCTION

To the Officers and Companions of the Most Excellent, The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:—

While the Sub-Committee on Education and Instruction has not met as such during the year, I have assumed the responsibility of investigating several matters which have been causing some concern in connection with the conferring of our degrees and promoting a better understanding of their import and spiritual significance for the better impressing the candidates with their privilege and the importance of the experience through which they are passing. To this end I have made it a point, whenever possible, to speak in the Chapters I have visited on the underlying meanings of the symbolism of our Capitular system and its relation to the Craft Degrees with which it is to intimately and indivisibly associated.

The issuing of the booklets "Manual of Instruction" and "Manual for Chapter Officers" has done much to improve the uniformity of the ritual and the better understanding by the Officers of the duties of their respective offices. The supply of these is about exhausted and further editions, with some additions and revisions, will be available shortly.

I recommend that the work on "The Chapter Companion", which was commenced several years ago and still awaiting the completion of the third section dealing with The Holy Royal Arch, be now completed, and, when approved by the Grand Council and Advisory Committee of P.G.Z's., be printed in suitable form with a Foreword covering the early history of Capitular Masonry and, particularly, that of our Grand Jurisdiction, and which will result in a book somewhat comparable to that issued by our Grand Lodge for Masonic Students and Instructors in the Craft.

As the atmosphere of reverence and solemnity within the Chapter Room is so essential to conveying the proper attitude in the mind of the candidate, as well as Companions, I have made considerable enquiry as to the possibilities of recorded music which would be available to form the suitable background effect and am convinced that such cathedral music recordings are available at small cost. As to the recordings of the odes and musical sequences peculiar to the several degrees, while these are not now obtainable

for our ritual, a very complete and satisfactory recording system has been developed in the U.S.A. and by the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada (K.T.) and I am assured that their experience and materials will be made readily available to our Grand Chapter in the development of what will essentially meet our own special requirements. It is not the intention to dispense with the services of our organists in this connection when these are available, but rather to suppliment their contribution, or to provide its equivalent when no music for our ceremonies would otherwise be obtainable. We have marvellous lessons to teach, rundimental truths to convey, and we should employ every reasonable means to so present our "work" that it makes a lasting impression for good whenever it is portrayed.

The "Pedestal Lecture" can and should be made more graphically available to all the Companions present, as well as to the candidates, by means which would be simple but would add greatly to the impressiveness by being visible and appreciated by everyone in the Chapter Room.

I hope that, during the coming year, provision will be made for a trial of these suggestions.

My attention has been called to the desirability of a careful revision of the ceremonies of the Installation of the Officers, both of the Chapters and Grand Chapter, and I recommend that this revision be referred to the Education Committee to issue after approval by the Grand Council and Advisory Committee of P.G.Z.'s.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. M. Pitts, Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. J. A. M. Taylor, and—

Resolved,—That the report on Education and Instruction be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions,—

In presenting to the Grand Chapter of Canada, the first report of the Special Committee on Membership, the members of that committee desire to express to the Grand Z., Most Excellent Comp. Pitts, their deep appreciation for the opportunity of studying this very important question which has so much to do with the prosperity of the several Royal Arch Chapters of this Grand Chapter, as well as that of the Grand Chapter itself. The committee would also tender its thanks to the Grand Z., to the other members of the Grand Council, and to the Grand Scribe E. for advice and assistance so freely given. The committee in addition to information obtained by correspondence, held one meeting in Ottawa on February 24th on the occasion of the reception and dinner tendered to the Grand First Principal, Most Excellent Comp. Pitts, by the Royal Arch Masons of the Ottawa District.

OBJECTS OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

From time to time there has been expressed anxiety as to the decline in the membership of the Grand Chapter of Canada. However, during the past two or more years there has been a slight increase, but a at every Grand Convocation, as well as well as at district meetings addressed by officers of the Grand Chapter appeals are made for greater additions to chapter memberships. The first objective of the membership committee was to ascertain if capitular masonry was making a sufficient appeal to the Master Masons, and if not, to study methods as how that appeal could be strengthened. The only connecting links between the Blue Lodges and the Royal Arch Chapters are the Royal Arch companions, and the only sources of supply for the chapters are from the Blue Lodges. Every Royal Arch mason has obligated himself to dispense assistance, light and knowledge to all uniformed masons. If the lessons of the beautiful ritual of Royal Arch Masonry have been correctly communicated, every newly exalted companion should be so enthusiastic at the conclusion of the ceremony of his exaltation, that he will immediately go and tell his Masonic brother that he has found or been given something of surpassing beauty which helps him to better understand the meaning of the Master Mason degree, and which

opens up for him a great and wonderful field of Masonic research. Every Royal Arch Mason must be made to realize the great privilege that is his, and also the responsibility that he assumed when he became a Royal Arch Mason.

It is not to be expected that every Master Mason will enter into the Holy Royal Arch, but surely if they were properly approached, a far greater number than at present would make application to our chapters. Your committee has made a detailed survey of Masonry in the Province of Ontario, as to the relative memberships of the Blue Lodges and the Royal Arch Chapters. This survey shows, as already was known, that only about one sixth of the craft Masons ever advance to the Royal Arch. It also indicates that this ratio is far smaller in the great centres of population than in the rural sections and smaller towns. This fact is very disturbing to say the least. In the great Masonic City of Hamilton, the birth place of the Grand Chapter of Canada, only one eighth of the Master Masons enter into the mysteries and privileges of the Royal Craft, in Toronto the ratio is only slightly higher, while in Niagara Falls the ratio falls to one tenth. In Northern Ontario, outside the town of Iroquois Falls, one third of the members of the Craft lodges have found their ways into the Royal Arch Chapters. Has Royal Arch Masonry something that is of value to the Masons of the north that is not needed in our great centres of population? We know that the Royal Arch, with its great and inspiring lessons, supplies the needs of men where ever they may be found. The conclusion which has been forced on your committee, is that the officers and companions of many of our chapters are not alive either to their privileges or responsibilities. Their efforts to dispense assistance, light and knowledge are often very feeble indeed. In the city of Toronto there are 22,101 Craft Masons and only 3,226 Royal Arch Companions, and the same relative situation prevails in Hamilton, Ottawa and in many other of our cities. The membership of the Grand Chapter of Canada could be doubled in five years if there could be instilled into the officers and companions a desire to work. The Royal Arch Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction have a real problem which in order to justify their existence they must solve.

THE PROBLEM OF MEMBERSHIP.

There should be no great difficulty in greatly increasing the membership of our Royal Arch Chapters if we put our hands to the

effort. Royal Arch Masonry has a beautiful ritual which teaches great and useful lessons. However, to teach those lessons that ritual must be so expressed and interpreted that the companions will appreciate those truths, and the candidates will know at once that they have entered into a new and wonderful Masonic experience. Every officers of a Royal Arch Chapter should realize that he has been given a great privilege, he must be enthusiastic about his work in the chapter, ordinary is not good enough. He must first of all inspire himself, for only then will he be able to transmit that inspiration and his own interpretation to the companions and especially to the candidates. Nothing will so hinder the progress of a chapter as a faulty and stumbling rendering of our beautiful ritual. The duties of the First Principal and the Past Principals should be to see that every officer knows perfectly the words of the ritual, and then by constant practice makes it a real part of himself, and so conveys it to the candidates. When the work in a chapter is only ordinary or worse, the candidate feels he has been let down and often never returns to the chapter.

2. There must be created among the companions a spirit of true comradeship, not only in the ante-room, but in the chapter room and at refreshment. No chapter, however small its resources, can afford to do without a fourth degree. The refreshments need not be expensive but must be dainty and appetizing. After refreshments it is well to have a short programme, a roll call, perhaps a very brief address, or a moving picture, but everything must be carried out with dispatch and orderly planning. At Christmas time, or at some other convenient occasion a ladies' night can be arranged and will be of value. Especially at Christmas, an evening of real enjoyment with small presents for all, with Santa in Command may be made a splendid occasion. The real object must be to always create a spirit of true fellowship among the companions where ever they may meet.

3. The Chapter must be opened promptly at the hour set, business takes only a few minutes, not more than fifteen. The degree work carried out expeditiously and the meeting closed in good time.

4. The officers of a Chapter should realize that their duties do not begin or end in the Chapter room but are continuous.

5. There should be an energetic sick committee in every Chapter, which committee when carefully selected will be of great

value. When one is ill or discouraged there is nothing that will revive the spirits as a short visit from a congenial friend and companion.

6. The First Principal is responsible for the monthly summons, but its preparation is the duty of the Scribe E. The Scribe E. is the backbone of the Chapter, and he must make sure that the summons is far more than the calling of a meeting. It should be full of Chapter business, should convey sympathy to the bereaved, congratulations when such are due, and a thousand other things which will greatly benefit the Chapter and create interest among the Companions.

7. Application forms for Chapter Membership should be in possession of every Companion, and every officer should always have several in his possession, ready to hand to an interested Brother. Often, if an opportunity is allowed to slip, it never returns. Also, if a Brother shows an interest get his name on the dotted line, delays are dangerous. It is well to present an application form to a new Companion on the night on which he receives his Royal Arch degree. He is then enthusiastic and he will go out and tell some Brother that he has found something which a Master Mason should not miss. The First Principal should occasionally write a letter to all the Companions of his Chapter carrying with it a personal greeting, and pointing out the hope that the Companion will do all in his power to bring some Brother into the Chapter. An enclosed application form is likely to be returned fully signed by some good Master Mason.

NEW CHAPTERS

The suggestions already put forward refer almost entirely to the strengthening and increasing the memberships of the Chapters already in existence, and the suggestion of some methods by which Master Masons can be more interested in the Royal Arch. However, the survey which your committee has made shows that there are a considerable number of Craft Lodges so situated that distance prevents their members entering into the membership and privileges of the Holy Royal Arch. It is, therefore, recommended that immediate consideration be given to the establishing new Chapters at Espanola or Blind River between Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie, at Bracebridge, at Huntsville or Minden between Lindsay and North Bay, at Alliston and Meaford, and at Westboro in the western part

of the City of Ottawa. Your committee also believes it would be of value to make a further survey of the whole jurisdiction to ascertain if some of the existing Chapters which at the present time are not too prosperous could not serve to better advantage if moved to some adjacent locality. An example of this was the moving of the Maitland Chapter from North Augusta to Kemptville where to-day it is one of the very progressive Chapters of the whole jurisdiction.

Your committee would briefly summarize its report with the following recommendations:—

1. Immediate consideration be given to the setting up of new Chapters in localities where owing to distances Craft Masons have no opportunities of attending existing Chapters.

2. That consideration be given to the organizing degree teams, not to confer degrees but to stimulate the officers of the Chapters in the proper rendering and interpretation of the ritual.

3. Also, your committee recommends that the Grand Superintendents consider the advisibility of organizing the Past Grand Superintendents of their districts as committees to assist them in perfecting the ritual work of the various Chapters. Nearly every Chapter has a Past Grand Superintendent, and if these Past Grand Chapter Officers would co-operate there would be tremendous uplift in Royal Arch Masonry.

4. Your committee would further recommend that every Chapter in the Grand Chapter of Canada makes a determined effort to increase its membership during the coming year by at least fifteen per cent. This can be accomplished if every officer would rise to his responsibility and every companion would co-operate. The Grand Scribe E. has plenty of those little pamphlets entitled, "Links between the Lodge and Chapter", which he will be glad to send to any Scribe E.

5. Finally, your committee would very strongly recommend that the officers of all Royal Arch Chapters should take advantage of every opportunity to bring before all Master Masons the meaning of the Holy Royal Arch. This may be done very advantageously by inviting our Craft Brethren to meetings addressed by Grand Chapter Officers, or by other skilled Companions. We can also get in touch with the members of our Craft Lodges by receiving an

invitation to say a few words at their fourth degrees. To-day we are all ready to listen to anything which will help us through these difficult times, and we know that Royal Arch Masonry has those qualities.

In conclusion the members of this committee desire to express again to the Grand Z. their deep appreciation for this opportunity of service.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

THOS. J. MASON,
A. CAVANAGH,
CLINTON A. MARKELL,
C. E. LETMAN,
FERGUS A. MCDIARMID, Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. F. A. McDiarmid, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Special Committee on Membership be received and adopted.

SUSPENSIONS — 1950

Chapter No. 1—Ernest Billings, Luke Dryden, H. C. Nugent, R. M. Seymour. 2—C. W. King, D. R. Pilkey, J. Blackborrow, W. Farr. 5—R. H. Yorston. 7—T. H. Smith, H. Y. Moore. 18—David Kennedy. 19—D'Arcy E. Melville. 20—Jack Dunhill, Harold Rumble, D. G. Stewart. 26—M. Andison, J. W. Henry, G. Tough, G. Vanner. 28—R. H. Christy, W. B. Onyon. 30—Angus M. McInnes, G. B. Davies. 35—C. A. Sterritt. 45—A. G. Cracknell, A. J. Dance. 48—J. A McGuire, W. G. Wenn, R. C. White. 54—C. W. Adams, C. H. Broadbent. 59—R. B. Andress, J. T. Clayton. 65—J. D. Burger, P. J. Watson. 73—N. MacAulay, D. MacAulay, A. MacKenzie. 77—F. H. London, W. J. Thorpe, A. Vout, J. Ward, G. Witham. 78—C. Burr, A. E. Salisbury, A. E. Ravelle. 79—George Nelson. 82—W. R. Norton, H A. McDonnell, O. Ousdale, J. Pickering. 83—W. H. McGuire. 94—H. Austin, G. Brooks, F. J. Brown, M. Elliott, H. W. Pence, J. T. Speck, D. Trevitt, L. H. Walling. 95—Peter Matheson. 103—A. B. Handley. 104—George Alkins, Leslie Rogers. 110—K. J. Bound. 112—H. L. Bowman, O. W. Rombaugh. 119—D. E. Kearney. 129—John A. Aikens. 135—William Henry Walker. 138—L. Huddy, S. R. McNeill, C. Pierce, J. Laurie, George E. Balfour. 140—Joseph Raby. 155—Edward Lorne Hood, James Richard. 184—D. W. McLaughlin. 203—A. D. Dickson. 205—W. E. Lansdowne. 212—Lou Sugar, Arthur Kagan, H. H. Berman. 217—J. E. Pountney, R. J. Miller, J. W. Fawbert. 219—Thomas Jolly. 222—D. L. Anderson, C. H. Haddleton, Wm. Stuart. 223—Howard Harbottle. 232—J. E. Mainprize. 240—J. A. Lynberner. 241—W. E. Andrews, J. C. Hilton. 243—R. M. Atkins. 245—D. W. Panabaker, G. O. Rodgers, E. A. Simmen. 247—Mark Garrett, W. G. Poad, W. G. Holmes, W. McLaughlin. 249—W. A. Edger. 252—W. V. Atmore.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

Owing to the death of M. Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner our Historian and Reviewer, no report submitted for this period, reference has been made by the Grand Z in his Address and Foreward preceding Review.

GRAND HISTORIAN AND REVIEWER ELECTED

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. J. A. M. Taylor, and—

Resolved,—That Most Excellent Companion R. V. Conover be elected Grand Historian and Reviewer.

COMMUNICATIONS AND GREETINGS

Letters were received conveying Greetings and expressing regrets for non-attendance from:—

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia: M. Ex. Comp. Alex. E. Davidson, Grand Z. and M. Ex. Comp. E. B. Baker, P.G.Z. and Grand S.E.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta: M. Ex. Comps. Harold E. Bentley, and M. Ex. Comp. Sam Harris, P.G.Z., G.Z.; F. W. Hand, P.G.Z., and S.E.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba: M. Ex. Comp. Wyburn, Grand Z; T. S. Cook, P.G. Z. and Grand S.E.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick: M. Ex. Comp. C. Leonard Jenkins, G.Z. and M. Ex. Comp. Roy Crawford, P.G.Z. and Grand S.E.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia: M. Ex. Comp. Alex. B. Crook, G.H.P.; M. Ex. Comp. H. F. Sipprell, P.G.H.P., and Grand Sec. and M. Ex. Comp. Reg. V. Harris, P.G.H.P.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan: M. Ex. Comp. John F. Lunney, Grand Z. and M. Ex. Comp. A. A. Wilson, P.G.Z., and Grand S.E.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California: M. Ex. Comps. Carl Moore, G.H.P. and Chester H. Newell, Grand Sec.

Most Excellent Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut: M. Ex. Comps. William M. Wyman, G.H.P. and Bliss Clark, Grand Sec.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois: M. Ex. Comps. Robert E. McLoud, G.H.P.; Edward E. Core, Grand Sec.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Iowa: R. Ex. Comp. Ed. S. Lofton, D.G.H.P.

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Louisiana: M. Ex. Comps. Chester B. Owen, G.H.P. and Lee W. Harris, Grand Sec.

Grand Chapter of Maine Royal Arch Masons: M. Ex. Comps. I. James Merry, G.H.P. and Convers E. Leach, Grand Sec.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland: M. Ex. Comp. Smyrk, G.H.P.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons State of Missouri: M. Ex. Comp. Ray V. Denslow, P.G.H.P. and Grand Secretary.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Montana: M. Ex. Comps. Ira W. Stam, G.H.P., Ralph N. Lodge, P.G.H.P. and Luther T. Hauberg, P.G.H.P. and Grand Secretary.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New Hampshire: M. Ex. Comp. R. B. Lakeman, G.H.P.

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of New Jersey: M. Ex. Comp. Ray Holtz, G.H.P.

The Grand Chapter of the State of New York Royal Arch Masons: M. Ex. Comp. R. B. Donovan, G.H.P., M. Ex. Comp. A. Elmo Cole, P.G.H.P.

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations: M. Ex. Comps. Harold W. Thatcher, G.H.P., Edward M. Wheeler, Grand Secretary.

Grand Chapter of Vermont Royal Arch Masons: M. Ex. Comps. Clayton S. Rice and Aaron H. Grout, Grand Secretary.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of State of Wisconsin: M. Ex. Comp. Blaine D. Carlton, G.H.P.

The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons: M. Ex.

Comps. Earl E. Dusenberry, G.G.H.P. and Roscoe R. Walcutt, General Grand Secretary.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Washington: M. Ex. Comps. Carl L. Swanson, G.H.P. and Walter H. Steffey, Grand Secretary.

CONSIDERING NOTICE OF MOTION

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. J. M. Burden.

Resolved,—That Section 64, be amended by adding thereto at the end thereof:

Section 64 will read:—The Committee shall consist of the Grand Z., the Past Grand Z's, the Grand H., (who shall be ex-officers President of the Committee), the Grand J, the Grand Superintendents of Districts, the Grand Scribes, the Grand Treasurer and ten other members of Grand Chapter, five to be elected annually by ballot, and five to be appointed annually by the Grand Z, immediately after the election and appointment of the Grand Officers.

Any Companion who has been duly elected to this Committee and who hold a rank below that of Right Excellent Companion shall have, by virtue of such election, the rank of Past Grand Principal Sojourner. Any Companion who has been duly appointed to the Committee and who holds a rank below that of a Very Excellent Companion shall have, by virtue of such appointment the rank of Past Grand Senior Sojourner."

OFFICERS INSTALLED AND INVESTED

Most Ex. Comp. Reg. V. E. Conover, O.B.E. installed and invested the newly elected officers of Grand Chapter, including the Grand Superintendents of the several District, and they were proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. J. A. M. Taylor, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. J. L. House, and—

Resolved,—That the thanks of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada be extended to the Credential Commitee for the efficient manner in which they discharged their duties, to the Scrutineers for their services in taking charge of the election of the officers; to the Installing Board under Most Ex. Comp. R. V. Conover, and to the Committee of the Convocation in Toronto, including the reception and entertainment of the delegates and their ladies who looked after the arrangements.

APPOINTED TO OFFICE

The following appointments have been made by Most Ex. Comp. Alexander G. N. Bradshaw:—

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Appointed

R. Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith,
9 Jane Street, Belleville, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Allan C. Mason,
65 Hohner Ave., Kitchener, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Fergus A. McDiarmid,
357 Waverley St., Ottawa, Ont.
R. Ex.Comp. Thomas Camelford,
404 Lock Street, Dunnville, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. James Howard Coleman,
104 Lincoln Park Ave., Sarnia, Ont.

ASSISTANT OFFICERS—Appointed

R. Ex. Comp. William S. M. Enouy.....Grand Lecturer
512 Brunswick Ave., Toronto, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Arch Deacon William Henry Hartley.....Assistant Grand Chaplain
Durham, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. William J. Black.....Grand Senior Sojourner
10 Fielding Ave., Toronto, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. John W. Sheard.....Grand Junior Sojourner
424 Oakwood Ave., Toronto, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. James Smith ..... Grand Sword Bearer
London, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. James Craig Leith .....Grand Master 4th Veil
27 South Oval Ave., Hamilton, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Allan Burnside .....Grand Master 3rd Veil
Whitehorse, Yukon Territory.
V. Ex. Comp. S. Fred Hutchinson ..... Grand Master 2nd Veil
12 Ritchie Ave., Toronto, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Charles F. Griffenham ..... Grand Master 1st Veil
Guelph, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. William Martin Shiells ..... Grand Standard Bearer
365 Bruce St., Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Charles William McIntosh ..... Grand Director of Ceremonies
Ottawa, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. George Henry Finn ..... Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies
159 First St., Collingwood, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Kenneth Griffin ..... Grand Organist
c/o Tech-Hughes Gold Mines Ltd., Kirkland Lake, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. John Gilchrist ..... Grand Pursuivant
Blenheim, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. John Hadden ..... Grand Steward
R.R. No. 2, Oakville.
V. Ex. Comp. Alfred C. Folmer ..... Grand Steward
115 Iroquois Ave., London, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. William Johnstone ..... Grand Steward
81 Orchard Ave., Simcoe, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Harvey R. Baer ..... Grand Steward
24 Bond St., Galt, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Ian Watson McConachie ..... Grand Steward
58 Reid Ave., Hamilton, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. James Keith Taylor ..... Grand Steward
Mitchell, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Robert B. White ..... Grand Steward
354 Catherine St., Port Colborne, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Leslie A. Woolger ..... Grand Steward
27 Glenmount Park Rd., Toronto, Ont.
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2015 Eglinton Ave. W., Toronto, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Edward John Wilmink ..... Grand Steward
Campbellford, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Harper Rollins ..... Grand Steward
Mill St., Stirling, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Robert M. Armstrong ..... Grand Steward
30 First St. W., Cornwall, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Wilbert E. Bennett ..... Grand Steward
Smiths Falls, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. James S. H. Colbert ..... Grand Steward
617 First St. S., Kenora, Ont.
Comp. James Strachan ..... Grand Outer Guard
9 Archer St., Toronto, Ont.

The labours of the Annual Convocation being ended, Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form at 12:25 p.m., Toronto, Ontario, Thursday, April 26, 1951.

Fred. J. Johnson.

Grand Scribe E.

On Tuesday evening, April 24th, 1951, the Grand Z., M. Ex. Comp. Clarence MacLeod Pitts invited his Council, Executive Committee and Grand Chapter Officers to a Dinner in honour of his Distinguished Guests.

Wednesday evening, April 25th, 1951, the Annual Banquet was held in the Crystal Ballroom, King Edward Hotel. This was the highlight of our Convocation; over 450 Companions and ladies were present. The speaker of the evening was the celebrated Canadian Radio Commentator John Fisher. His ready amusing wit and humor held his audience in a very happy and contented state of mind.

Miss Jean McLeod, soloist, sang some very entertaining and pleasing numbers. She was accompanied at the piano by our Veteran Pianist Comp. Charles Musgrave.

Special mention and thanks are extended to the Committee in charge of the Convocation for their untiring efforts in making the 93rd Annual Convocation successful.

Numerous messages were received from our Sister Jurisdictions congratulating our Grand Chapter.

Our visiting Delegates were given an opportunity to bring greetings, etc., from their respective Grand Bodies; each gave an interesting and informative few minutes talk.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT

R. Ex. Comp. John Alexander MacDonald Taylor.....Grand H.
R.R. No. 1, Hornby, Ont.

BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE

M. Ex. Comp. Alexander George Noel Bradshaw
655 Waterloo Street, London, Ont.
M. Ex. Comp. Llewellyn F. Stephens, K.C., Grand Z., 1939 1940-1942
52 Markland Street, Hamilton, Ont.
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126 Old Orchard Grove, Toronto, Ont.
M. Ex. Comp. Col. Reg. V. E. Conover, O.B.E., Grand Z., 1945-1946
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R. Ex. Comp. Oliver Ellwood,
137 John Street, London, Ont.
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R. Ex. Comp. Benjamin Foss Nott,
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(As listed on Pages)

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WARRANTS AND DISPENSATIONS

R. E. Comp. B.F. Nott (Chairman), R. E. Comps. F. Wills, L. L. Mansfield.

PRINTING AND SUPPLIES

R. Ex. Comp. M. A. Searle (Chairman), Grand Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. S. Perlman.

FINANCE

R. Ex. Comp. K. N. Carrie (Chairman), Grand Council, Grand Treasurer, Grand Scribe E., Chairman of Committee on Investments, the Auditor (Ex. Officio), M. Ex. Comps. R. V. Conover, F. W. Dean, C. M. Pitts.

INVESTMENTS

R. Ex. Comp. A. C. Mason (Chairman), Grand Council, Grand Treasurer, Grand Scribe E.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

M. Ex. Comp. L. F. Stephens, K.C. (Chairman), M. Ex. Comp. R. V. Conover, R. Ex. Comp. F. Eastwood.

CONSTITUTION, LAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE

M. Ex. Comp. Llewellyn F. Stephens (Chairman).

CONDITIONS OF CAPITULAR MASONRY

R. Ex. Comp. W. B. Stothers (Chairman), R. Ex. Comps. C. P. Eagles, E. T. Nayler, E. T. Wood, J. G. Maroosis, C. H. Chapman.

FRATERNAL DEAD

R. Ex. Comp. R. Clark (Chairman), R. Ex. Comps. L. F. Crothers, T. Camelford, F. J. Armstrong, D. A. Cox, K. M. MacLennan, O. M. Krick.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

M. Ex. Comp. Col. R. V. E. Conover (Chairman).

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

R. Ex. Comp. A. D. MacIntyre (Chairman), R. Ex. Comp. B. Smith.

EDUCATION AND INSTRUCTION

M. Ex. Comp. C. M. Pitts (Chairman), Grand Council, Past Grand Z's, R. Ex. Comps. W. S. M. Enouy, J. H. Coleman.

SPECIAL GENERAL COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

R. Ex. Comps. F. A. McDiarmid (Chairman), A. Pickles, H. O. Taylor, L. N. Armstrong, F. Ryder, A. S. McLean.

CHAPTER RETURNS

No.	Name of Chapter	Where Held	Regular Convocation
1	Ancient Frontenac & Cataraqui	Kingston	Third Friday
2	The Hiram	Hamilton	Fourth Friday
3	St. John's	London	Fourth Wednesday
4	St. Andrew & St. John	Toronto	First Monday
5	St. George's	London	Fourth Friday
6	St. John's	Hamilton	Second Thursday
7	The Moira	Belleville	First Tuesday
8	King Solomon's	Toronto	Fourth Thursday
15	Wawanosh	Sarnia	Second Friday
16	Carleton	Ottawa	Third Wednesday
18	Oxford	Woodstock	Third Friday
19	Mount Moriah	St. Catharines	Second Friday
20	Mount Horeb	Brantford	First Friday
22	Grenville	Prescott	Second Tuesday
23	Ezra	Simcoe	Second Thursday
24	Tecumseh	Stratford	Fourth Friday
26	St. Mark's	Trenton	Third Tuesday
27	Manitou	Collingwood	Fourth Friday
28	Pentalpha	Oshawa	First Tuesday
29	McCallum	Dunnville	Third Friday
30	Huron	Goderich	Third Tuesday
31	Prince Edward	Picton	Third Monday
32	Waterloo	Galt	Third Thursday
34	Signet	Barrie	Second Tuesday
35	Keystone	Whitby	Second Friday
36	Corinthian	Peterboro	Fourth Friday
37	Victoria	Port Hope	Second Friday
40	Guelph	Guelph	Second Friday
41	Harris	Ingersoll	Second Friday
44	Mount Sinai	Napanee	Third Wednesday
45	Excelsior	Colborne	First Friday
46	St. James	St. Mary's	Second Monday
47	Wellington	Chatham	Second Thursday
48	St. John's	Cobourg	Fourth Tuesday
53	Bruce	Petrolia	Third Wednesday
54	Palestine	St. Thomas	Second Thursday
55	Niagara	Niagara-on-the-Lake	First Friday
56	Georgian	Owen Sound	Third Tuesday
57	King Hiram	Port Colborne	First Thursday
58	Pembroke	Mattawa	Third Tuesday
59	Sussex-St. Lawrence	Brockville	First Monday
61	Granite	Almonte	Second Thursday
62	York	Toronto	Second Friday
63	Havelock	Kincardine	Third Friday
64	Willson	Welland	Last Wednesday
65	St. Paul's	Toronto	Second Wednesday
66	The Malloch	Seaforth	Third Monday
67	Enterprise	Palmerston	Second Tuesday
68	Maitland	Kemptville	Second Monday
69	Grimsby	Grimsby	First Monday
71	Prince of Wales	Amherstburg	First Friday
72	Keystone	Stirling	Fourth Thursday
73	Erie	Ridgetown	Third Monday
74	Beaver	Strathroy	First Friday
75	St. Clair	Milton	Third Thursday
76	Mount Nebo	Niagara Falls	Third Friday
77	Occident	Toronto	Second Friday
78	Minnewawa	Parkhill	Third Monday
79	Orient	Toronto	Fourth Wednesday
80	Ark	Windsor	First Monday
81	Aylmer	Aylmer	First Thursday
82	Shuniah	Port Arthur	Third Wednesday
83	Ionic	Orangeville	First Tuesday

CHAPTER RETURNS TO 31 DECEMBER, 1950

Chapter No.	First Principal Z. For Year 1951	Scribe E. for Year 1951	Membership 31st Dec., 1949	Admissions	Joinings	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	Membership 31st Dec., 1950	Life Members 31st Dec., 1950	Increase	Decrease
1	T. H. L. Payne	T. N. Clarke	331	6	1	1	3	4	4	328	94	...	3
2	W. K. Scobbie	J. H. Forbes	244	7	...	..	1	4	13	233	91	...	11
3	C. G. Smuck	J. A. Elgie	244	12	...	..	1	...	8	247	88	3	...
4	Harold J. Clapham	Robert J. Gray	174	8	...	1	1	...	5	177	67	3	...
5	Wm. T. Newman	Abraham Cavanagh	350	19	3	6	...	1	11	366	146	16	...
6	F. R. Feaver	John E. Grady	178	3	2	..	...	...	4	179	57	1	...
7	Stanley H. Lennox	L. Vaughn	223	16	...	..	1	2	4	232	13	9	...
8	William Kewn	Stanley G. Tinker	257	10	...	1	1	...	7	260	93	3	...
15	W. J. Southcombe	E. L. Treitz	201	10	...	3	3	...	7	204	34	3	...
16	W. J. Neville	F. A. McDiarmid	399	48	1	1	3	...	12	434	122	35	...
18	George L. Nutt	Alex. Wishart	141	16	1	1	1	1	5	152	23	11	...
19	Chas. M. Porter	A. E. Coombs	204	12	3	1	5	1	6	208	9	4	...
20	Harold L. Flood	R. W. E. McFadden	205	5	...	..	1	3	5	201	98	...	4
22	I. C. Hogan	E. A. Cook	97	1	...	..	6	...	2	90	10	...	7
23	Leslie Adams	W. F. Tyrrell	161	11	...	..	...	...	2	170	22	9	...
24	G. A. Dale	Geo. S. Atkins	234	11	...	..	2	...	7	236	36	2	..
26	Harold F. Burke	F. W. Sherbert	113	6	...	..	3	4	2	110	41	...	3
27	Burton M. Conron	R. H. Davidson	162	5	1	..	...	...	2	166	64	4	...
28	J. F. Riley	N. W. Purdy	245	16	...	1	2	2	5	253	48	8	...
29	A. W. Dayman	E. W. Cass	107	9	1	..	...	...	1	116	14	9	...
30	Wm. W. Ross	F. R. Darrow, K.C.	123	5	...	..	2	...	2	124	13	1	...
31	G. E. Mason	E. R. Hodgson	178	19	...	..	...	...	5	192	14	14	...
32	James Weepers	H. R. Baer	151	10	...	1	1	...	3	158	43	7	...
34	J. A. Dawson	A. G. Bowie	134	1	1	1	...	...	5	132	66	...	2
35	H. F. Elms	R. W. Goose	90	4	...	..	1	1	2	90	...	...	...
36	C. V. Elliott	D. Miller	309	15	1	..	4	...	2	319	39	10	...
37	C. Percy McElroy	Mark P. Wickett	147	6	...	..	...	...	3	150	56	3	...
40	I. W. McNaughton	R. M. Finlay	177	6	...	..	4	...	5	174	15	...	3
41	B. Sheldon	William Clothier	102	10	...	..	1	...	3	108	11	6	...
44	Wallace Hogeboom	Ernest J. Walters	89	7	...	..	...	...	2	94	16	5	...
45	F. J. Cochrane	A. A. Kemp	57	2	...	..	1	2	3	53	...	...	4
46	J. Ross Elgie	J. W. Durr	52	4	...	..	1	...	...	55	5	3	...
47	John McKaigue	L. H. Veale	142	13	...	..	2	...	3	150	16	8	...
48	Hubert J. Cooey	W. Sherman Cooper	86	3	...	..	...	3	2	84	10	...	2
53	L. A. McIlwraith	Robert M. Story	78	3	1	1	...	...	1	82	11	4	...
54	E. J. Gellatly	K. S. Woodward	344	17	2	1	...	2	5	357	122	13	...
55	E. Chase	A. N. Irvine	48	2	...	..	2	...	...	48	1	...	...
56	E. R. Campbell	Dr. C. J. Baxendale	80	4	...	..	2	...	3	79	40	...	1
57	R. J. Brooks	C. G. Carter	74	4	1	..	1	...	...	78	13	4	...
58		A. I. Tongue	21	...	...	..	...	...	...	21	15	...	...
59	C. H. Orr	H. N. McKenney	341	27	2	3	...	..	2	5	366	45	25	...
61	Harold Proctor	J. T. Kelly	81	4	1	..	...	...	1	85	5	4	...
62	William Clark	C. M. Platten	124	6	2	..	3	...	2	127	25	3	...
63	I. Speiran	R. J. Kincaid	78	3	...	..	1	...	2	78	5	...	...
64	Gordon K. Brown	C. E. Griffin	136	12	...	..	2	...	3	143	1	7	...
65	R. P. Sibbald	C. C. Kilner	137	7	...	..	4	2	8	130	37	...	7
66	Melvin E. Clarke	M. A. Reid	60	6	...	..	2	2	4	58	4	...	2
67	J. H. Wells	R. G. Barton	103	1	...	..	...	...	7	97	5	...	6
68	Dr. L. G. Coleman	I. M. Anderson	81	7	1	1	1	...	2	87	3	6	...
69	James Oldfield	L. O. Hysert	69	2	...	..	...	...	2	69	10	...	...
71	J. W. D. Wilson	R. M. Thistle	135	5	...	..	...	...	2	138	6	3	...
72	Ivan Caldwell	T. W. Solmes	79	4	...	..	...	...	...	83	16	4	...
73	J. D. Linline	T. E. Armstrong	101	5	...	..	1	3	3	99	...	...	2
74	C. J. Smith	A. W. Holt	65	7	...	1	...	...	...	73	11	8	...
75	Ford Hayward	E. Harrop	63	1	2	..	3	...	...	63	1	...	...
76	R. E. Vilneff	C. H. Sheppard	82	9	...	2	...	...	2	91	75	9	...
77	Wm. Shearer	James T. Gilchrist	351	11	1	2	5	5	18	337	119	...	14
78	John Gibbs	George Portice	51	11	...	..	1	3	...	58	1	7	...
79	Albert Brown	R. V. Edge	144	2	...	..	3	...	3	140	58	...	4
80	J. H. Ruse	Godfrey Gale	315	24	...	3	...	...	7	335	156	20	...
81	Basil Learn	S. W. Durkee	145	3	...	..	10	...	2	136	11	...	9
82	T. Bonthron	S. H. Green	291	24	1	..	1	4	7	304	69	13	...
83	W. N. Richardson	A. L. Hartmier	75	4	...	..	1	1	2	75	11	...	...

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No.	Name of Chapter	Where Held	Regular Convocation
84	Lebanon	Wingham	Third Tuesday
88	MacNabb	Dresden	Fourth Tuesday
90	Golden	Kenora	Fourth Wednesday
91	Toronto-Antiquity	Toronto	Third Monday
94	Midland	Lindsay	Third Thursday
95	Tuscan	Sudbury	Second Tuesday
102	Algonquin	Sault Ste. Marie	First Friday
103	St. John's	North Bay	First Thursday
104	White Oak	Oakville	Third Wednesday
110	Warkworth	Warkworth	Second Wednesday
112	St. John's	Morrisburg	Third Friday
113	Covenant	Cornwall	Third Wednesday
114	Bonnechere	Renfrew	Third Monday
115	Brant	Paris	Third Monday
116	Maple	Carleton Place	First Wednesday
117	Kitchener	Kitchener	First Friday
119	King Cyrus	Leamington	Second Wednesday
129	Elliot	Mitchell	First Tuesday
130	Chantry	Southampton	First Tuesday
131	Amabel	Wiarton	Last Tuesday
132	Leeds	Gananoque	Fourth Tuesday
133	St. Francis	Smiths Falls	Third Friday
134	King Darius	Cannington	Third Wednesday
135	Succoth	Uxbridge	Second Thursday
138	Shekinah	Toronto	Second Tuesday
140	Fort William	Fort William	First Monday
143	Glengarry	Maxville	Fourth Friday
144	Presqu'Ile	Brighton	Third Tuesday
145	The St. Patrick	Toronto	Third Friday
146	Bernard	Listowel	Second Friday
147	Lucknow	Lucknow	Second Tuesday
148	St. John's	Vankleek Hill	First Friday
149	Atwood	Rainy River	Third Thursday
150	London	London	Third Tuesday
151	Laurentian	Pembroke	Third Thursday
152	Alberton	Fort Frances	Second Tuesday
153	Sombra	Wallaceburg	First Monday
154	Klondike	Dawson City	Third Thursday
155	Ancaster	Ancaster	Third Tuesday
161	Madoc	Madoc	Fourth Monday
163	The Beaches	Toronto	First Monday
164	Lorne	West Lorne	Third Friday
167	Kichikewana	Midland	Fourth Friday
168	Ionic	Campbellford	Third Monday
169	Temiskaming	New Liskeard	First Wednesday
175	The Hamilton	Hamilton	Third Tuesday
184	Hugh Murray	Fort Erie N.	Second Tuesday
195	Peel	Brampton	First Tuesday
198	Couchiching	Orillia	Second Friday
203	Cobalt	Cobalt	Third Tuesday
205	Victoria	Thornhill	First Wednesday
210	Kitchener	Russell	First Friday
212	Mount Sinai	Toronto	First Tuesday
213	Northern Lights	Timmins	Third Wednesday
214	Vimy	Inwood	Second Monday
215	Mimico	Mimico	First Wednesday
217	St. Alban's	Toronto	Third Wednesday
218	Prince Edward	Shelburne	Second Wednesday
219	Ulster	Toronto	Fourth Thursday
220	Lebanon	Lambton Mills	Third Wednesday
221	Durham	Durham	Third Thursday
222	Ottawa	Ottawa	Second Thursday
223	Abitibi	Iroquois Falls	Fourth Friday

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84	R. A. Coutts	J. A. Rutherford	92	7	1				2	98	17	6	
88	Stanley Jones	C. W. King	89	4	1					94		5	
90	T. Hutton	C. H. Quinton	183	8			1		1	189	7	6	
91	Chas. Litherland	J. B. Wallace	256	12	1	1	6		2	262	89	6	
94	George McCombe	F. S. Crichton	141	8		1	2	8	13	127	34		14
95	Wm. McKee	P. A. Coates	260	9	1		1	1	5	263	28	3	
102	I. L. Robertson	M. C. Garrow	285	8					5	288	59	3	
103	John Smorthwaite	Dr. B. F. Nott	150	3			1	1	2	149	49		1
104	Morley Keegan	John G. Hadden	66	7			1	2		70	2	4	
110	Harry S. Ewing	O. B. Phillips	49	1		1	3	1		47			2
112	W. S. Weegar	F. H. Broder	125	2	1		3	2	1	122	16		3
113	George W. Shaw	E. T. Robertson	205	17					4	218	32	13	
114	G. R. Ledingham	H. Young	63	5					2	66	18	3	
115	J. S. Powell	H. J. Broughton	120	5			1		3	121	16	1	
116	R. C. Wilson	M. W. Rogers	113	3	1				1	116	55	3	
117	W. J. Stoner	W. R. Cooper	207	3					5	205	15		2
119	Elmer Haikala	G. Bloomfield	141	8			2	1	2	144	41	3	
129	Norman Coveney	F. Porterfield	81	7				1	3	84	4	3	
130	M. Elliott	H. Yates	55	3					1	57	7	2	
131	C. H. Whicher	G. G. Sinclair	69	1						70	1	1	
132	Harold McCalpin	J. N. MacMillan	87	4					4	87	4		
133	W. M. Veale	C. A. Bailey	159	7					2	164	5	5	
134	M. Morrison	F. H. Moore	53	2						55	2	2	
135	E. R. Fairman	J. K. Noble	70	4		1	1	1	1	72	11	2	
138	E. E. Dobson	E. A. Snell	218	12		1	5	7	28	191	42		27
140	J. H. Hearn	Frank Ryder	180	10	1	1	3	1	5	183	8	3	
143	C. B. McDermid	G. H. MacDougall	46	1			2	1	2	42	4		4
144	R. J. Virgin	C. A. Wilson	43	2		1			1	45	2	2	
145	E. A. Colwell	J. R. Legecy	473	17	3	1	9	1	13	471	136		2
146	N. S. Van Camp	W. H. Sargent	104	5	1		3			107	4	3	
147	George Kennedy	A. C. Agnew	57	6			1			62		5	
148	Wm. McCaskill	Dr. D. A. Irvine	81	3		1	2			83		2	
149	A. E. MacLean	Wm. Hirst	51	1			1		1	50	6		1
150	L. A. Steels	G. T. E. Martin	202	9	1	3	1		2	212	84	10	
151	S. J. Hunt	C. W. Fraser	95	1			3			93	4		2
152	R. H. Larson	J. B. Edgar	120	12	1	1	1		2	131	22	11	
153	V. F. Richardson	John Burnett	89	6	2	1			1	97		8	
154	K. D. McRae	C. H. Chapman	77	17			13		5	76	37		1
155	E. L. Walker	John McNiece	76	2				2	2	74	6		2
161	Tom Lloyd	E. T. Nayler	136	11		2			1	148	5	12	
163	T. Middleton	W. A. Stanley	100	4					1	103	15	3	
164	Ronald Beattie	Arthur Smith	88	7					5	90	3	2	
167	J. A. Thomas	J. H. Olmsted	146	10					6	150	27	4	
168	T. H. Burgis	W. H. Brady	143	10			1		6	146	61	3	
169	A. S. Kitchen	Karl Budan	99	6	2		1		1	105	23	6	
175	D. S. Stephens	D. L. Ewing	132	4	1		4		2	131	6		1
184	Wm. Rostron	J. A. Bell	68	3				1	1	69		1	
195	J. A. McCleave	E. A. Hay	108	5			2		1	110	12	2	
198	B. C. Lamble	H. K. Maynard	162	3	1			1	3	162	13		
203	James Campbell	H. O. Armstrong	73	5				1	1	76	37	3	
205	Robert A. Marsh	H. S. Sparks	71	3	1	1		1		75	16	4	
210		A. Walker	54							54	21		
212	Harold Hands	S. J. Sword	165	11		1	4	3	4	166	15	1	
213	J. M. Martin	T. Small	123	2	1				3	123	46		
214	Burton Johnson	J. S. Maddock	71	14						85	18	14	
215	A. E. Shelley	T. B. Rogers	88	4	1		2		4	87	8		1
217	James Turnbull	John A. Mackie	105	9		1	3	3	2	107	5	2	
218	Willis Tippin	S. Patterson	38	10			2		2	44	1	6	
219	James Symes	G. C. Macdonell	84	6	1	1	1	1	2	88	6	4	
220	A. A. Beckett	W. M. Creech	106	8					2	112		6	
221	F. O. Abbott	H. C. McKecknie	36			1				37	9	1	
222	D. G. Hewer	A. H. McKee	265	7			1	3	7	261	53		4
223	G. L. Cameron	F. J. Bean	38	4				1		41		3	

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224	Keystone	Hamilton	First Monday
225	Beaver	Toronto	Second Wednesday
226	Prince of Wales	Perth	Third Thursday
227	Quinte Friendship	Belleville	Second Monday
230	Port Credit	Port Credit	Fourth Tuesday
231	The St. Clair	Toronto	Second Thursday
232	King Cyrus	Toronto	Third Tuesday
233	Oakwood	Toronto	First Wednesday
234	Halton	Georgetown	Third Friday
235	Aurora	Aurora	Third Friday
236	Caledonia	Caledonia	Fourth Thursday
238	The St. Andrew	London	Fourth Thursday
239	Blenheim	Blenheim	First Wednesday
240	Smithville	Smithville	Fourth Monday
241	University	Toronto	First Tuesday
242	St. Paul's	Lambeth	First Tuesday
243	McKay	Stoney Creek	Second Monday
245	Preston	Preston	Third Tuesday
246	Humber	Weston	Third Friday
247	Nilestown	Nilestown	Third Thursday
248	Dochert	Arnprior	First Monday
249	Palestine	Bowmanville	Third Monday
250	Thomas Peters	Windsor	Second Wednesday
251	Kirkland	Kirkland Lake	Second Monday
252	Hiawatha	Sarnia	First Monday
253	Regal	Port Dover	Second Wednesday
254	Golden Star	Dryden	Third Monday
255	Tillsonburg	Tillsonburg	First Tuesday
256	Yukon	Whitehorse	First Wednesday

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224	Bert Lankester	J. S. Drysdale	111	6	4		1			120	26	9	
225	Fred H. Carter	A. T. Thorpe	92	7					3	96	2	4	
226	Gordon Lindsay	L. V. Wood	113	15	2				1	129		16	
227	O. H. Gough	W. M. Barlow	150	14		1	1	1		163	23	13	
230	C. E. Falardean	K. Maddill	97	5	1		1		1	101		4	
231	James A. Code	L. J. Colling	187	13	1	1	2		4	196	15	9	
232	Harry McAllister	Robert Fick	84	3				1	1	85	9	1	
233	W. J. Hannah	A. E. Hayward	63	6	1		1		4	65	3	2	
234	Jack Lucas	E. L. Arnold	87	4						91	3	4	
235	G. A. C. Gunton	Frank Hope	93	5	1		2		5	92	11		1
236	H. S. Merrall	A. T. Lang	60	6					3	63	3	3	
238	Cecil Baker	A. V. Sedgwick	146	18			1		1	162	23	16	
239	George Monkhouse	G. C. Rutherford	89	5	1		1		2	92		3	
240	George Waines	S. Magder	53	1			2	1	2	49			4
241	H. S. Biggs	Ernest Pickles	117	4				1	2	118	21	1	
242	J. E. Terry	G. U. Howell	60	5		1				66	3	6	
243	A. Winterbottom	John H. Lee	53	9	1			1	1	61	3	8	
245	F. H. Walkey	A. P. Hertel	71	2			2	3		68	2		3
246	H. J. Rees	A. J. Sidders	86	11			1			96	1	10	
247	L. J. Gent	John Johnson	89	6		1		4		92	13	3	
248	A. F. Lampole	A. S. McLaren	37	6	1		1			43		6	
249	N. A. Wilkins	L. W. Dippell	91	4	1		1	1		94		3	
250	A. W. MacMillan	Walter Hockney	237	13		1			2	249	31	12	
251	R. McLenaghan	J. Scott	101	7						108	6	7	
252	G. Phillips	R. A. Bond	145	24	2		3	1	1	166	13	21	
253	Oscar Sutor	Vernon Ryerse	65	4	1				3	67		2	
254	Arthur Arnold	J. F. Bellamy	79	18	1					98		19	
255	Rev. R. D. MacDonald	Leo Mabee	25	17	8					50		25	
256	R. J. Meek	R. B. Cousins		9	23					32		32	
			20070	1187	100	58	199	112	455	20649	3824	738	159

RESTORATIONS — 1950

Chapter No. 1—William M. Moore. 4—E. L. Teale. 5—J. A. Johnston, D. M. Sutherland, Ernest Green, Asa Wardle, Edward Wilkins, J. M. Rice. 8—Frederick Midgley. 15—J. E. Burge, D. K. Buchanan, G. R. Cooper, 16—H. W. G. Baugh. 18—George Linell. 19—T. B. Griffin,. 28—John M. Ashby. 32—G. C. Main. 34—Bruce E. Keill. 53—Kenneth G. Manley. 54—J. H. Crocker. 59—A. B. MacInnes, G. E. Ross, A. C. Tousau. 68—S. L. Render. 74—Meredith C. Morgan. 76—Wm. Bromhall, George Bradley. 77—S. C. Moore. 80—A. J. Brush, J. Nash, A. E. Wallace. 91—R. J. Espie. 94—M. Elliott, W. A. Davis. 95—T. J. Kennedy. 110—R. M. Potter. 135—W. J. Lee. 138—H. J. Humphrey. 140—J. W. Wells. 144—T. R. Peister. 145—John A. Carter. 148—George Chalmers. 150—Alfred Sheere, John Hamilton, George W. Fish. 152—James J. Moore. 153—John C. Reid. 161—Henry C. Lloyd, Robert McCoy. 169—A. L. Throop. 205—George Topper. 212—Lou Sugar. 217—Clifford W. Rogers. 219—Archie Foster. 221—Sidney Cook. 227. L. R. Poulin. 231—T. S. Russell. 247—W. E. McLaughlin. 250—Harold C. Dunsmore.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, No. 1

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Frank Joseph Armstrong
1095 Pelissier Ave., Windsor, Ont.

No.		No.	
47.	Wellington ..... Chatham	119.	King Cyrus ..... Leamington
71.	Prince of Wales ..... Amherstburg	153.	Sombra ..... Wallaceburg
73.	Erie ..... Ridgetown	164.	Lorne ..... West Lorne
80.	Ark ..... Windsor	239.	Blenheim ..... Blenheim
88.	MacNabb ..... Dresden	250.	Thomas Peters ..... Windsor

LONDON DISTRICT, No. 2

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Arnold Stewart McLean,
Box 574, Petrolia, Ont.

No.		No.	
3	St. John's ..... London	81.	Aylmer ..... Aylmer
5.	St. George's ..... London	150.	London ..... London
15.	Wawanosh ..... Sarnia	214.	Vimy ..... Inwood
53.	Bruce ..... Petrolia	238.	The St. Andrew ..... London
54.	Palestine ..... St. Thomas	242.	St. Paul's ..... Lambeth
74.	Beaver ..... Strathroy	247.	Nilestown ..... Nilestown
78.	Minnewawa ..... Parkhill	252.	Hiawatha ..... Sarnia

WILSON DISTRICT, No. 3

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Lyle Leland Mansfield
Box 815, Ingersoll, Ont.

No.		No.	
18.	Oxford ..... Woodstock	41.	Harris ..... Ingersoll
20.	Mount Horeb ..... Brantford	115.	Brant ..... Paris
23.	Ezra ..... Simcoe	253.	Regal ..... Port Dover
		255.	Tillsonburg ..... Tillsonburg

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, No. 4

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. David Albert Cox,
Box 195, Palmerston, Ont.

No.		No.	
32.	Waterloo ..... Galt	218.	Prince Edward ..... Shelburne
40.	Guelph ..... Guelph	221.	Durham ..... Durham
67.	Enterprise ..... Palmerston	234.	Halton ..... Georgetown
83.	Ionic ..... Orangeville	245.	Preston ..... Preston
117.	Kitchener ..... Kitchener		

HAMILTON DISTRICT, No. 5

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Fred Eastwood,
46 Rosslynn Ave. N., Hamilton, Ont.

No.		No.	
2.	The Hiram ..... Hamilton	175.	The Hamilton ..... Hamilton
6	St. John's ..... Hamilton	224.	Keystone ..... Hamilton
75.	St. Clair ..... Milton	236.	Caledonia ..... Caledonia
104.	White Oak ..... Oakville	243.	McKay ..... Stoney Creek
155.	Ancaster ..... Ancaster		

HURON DISTRICT, No. 6

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. K. Murray MacLennan, Wingham, Ont.

No.		No.	
24. Tecumseth	Stratford	84. Lebanon	Wingham
20. Huron	Goderich	129. Elliot	Mitchell
46. St. James	St. Marys	130. Chantry	Southampton
63. Havelock	Kincardine	146. Bernard	Listowel
66. The Malloch	Seaforth	147. Lucknow	Lucknow

NIAGARA DISTRICT, No. 7

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Orland Merritt Krick, Box 42, Dunnville, Ont.

No.		No.	
19. Mt. Moriah	St. Catharines	69. Grimsby	Grimsby
29. McCallum	Dunnville	76. Mount Nebo	Niagara Falls
55. Niagara	Niagara-on-the-Lake	184. Hugh Murray	Fort Erie N.
57. King Hiram	Pt. Colborne	240. Smithville	Smithville
64. Willson	Welland		

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4. St. Andrew & St. John	Toronto	163. The Beaches	Toronto
8. King Solomon's	Toronto	205. Victoria	Thornhill
62. York	Toronto	217. St. Alban's	Toronto
65. St. Paul's	Toronto	225. Beaver	Toronto
79. Orient	Toronto	235. Aurora	Aurora
135. Succoth	Uxbridge	241. University	Toronto
145. The St. Patrick	Toronto		

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT, No. 8A

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91. Toronto-Antiquity	Toronto	230. Port Credit	Port Credit
138. Shekinah	Toronto	231. The St. Clair	Toronto
195. Peel	Brampton	232. King Cyrus	Toronto
212. Mount Sinai	Toronto	233. Oakwood	Toronto
215. Mimico	Mimico	246. Humber	Weston
219. Ulster	Toronto		

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, No. 9

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No.		No.	
27. Manitou	Collingwood	131. Amabel	Wiarton
34. Signet	Barrie	1647. Kichikewana	Midland
56. Georgian	Owen Sound	198. Couchiching	Orillia

ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 10

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Hamilton Olley Taylor,
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No.
28. Pentalpha ..... Oshawa
35. Keystone ..... Whitby
36. Corinthian ..... Peterboro
37. Victoria ..... Port Hope
45. Excelsior ..... Colborne
48. St. John's ..... Cobourg

No.
94. Midland ..... Lindsay
110. Warkworth ..... Warkworth
134. King Darius ..... Cannington
168. Ionic ..... Campbellford
249. Palestine ..... Bowmanville

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, No. 11

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No.
7. The Moira ..... Belleville
26. St. Mark's ..... Trenton
31. Prince Edward ..... Picton
44. Mount Sinai ..... Napanee

No.
72. Keystone ..... Stirling
144. Presqu'Ile ..... Brighton
161. Madoc ..... Madoc
227. Quinte Friendship ..... Belleville

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, No. 12

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No.
1. Ancient Frontenac & Cataraqui Kingston
22. Grenville ..... Prescott
59. Sussex-St. Lawrence ..... Brockville

No.
68. Maitland ..... Kemptville
112. St. John's ..... Morrisburg
113. Covenant ..... Cornwall
132. Leeds ..... Gananoque

OTTAWA DISTRICT, No. 13

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Edgar Troy Wood,
Westmeath, Pembroke, Ont.

No.
16. Carleton ..... Ottawa
61. Granite ..... Almonte
114. Bonnechere ..... Renfrew
116. Maple ..... Carleton Place
133. St. Francis ..... Smiths Falls
143. Glengarry ..... Maxville

No.
148. St. John's ..... Vankleek Hill
151. Laurentian ..... Pembroke
210 Kitchener ..... Russell
222. Ottawa ..... Ottawa
226. Prince of Wales ..... Perth
248. Dochert ..... Arnprior

ALGOMA DISTRICT, No 14

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No.
82. Shuniah ..... Port Arthur
90. Golden ..... Kenora
140. Ft. William ..... Ft. William

No.
149. Atwood ..... Rainy River
152. Alberton ..... Ft. Frances
254. Golden Star ..... Dryden

NEW ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 15

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. James George Maroosis,
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No.		No.	
58. Pembroke	Mattawa	102. Algonquin	Sault Ste. Marie
95. Tuscan	Sudbury	103. St. John's	North Bay

TEMISKAMING DISTRICT, No. 16

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No.		No.	
169. Temiskaming	New Liskeard	223. Abitibi	Iroquois Falls
203. Cobalt	Cobalt	251. Kirkland	Kirkland Lake
213. Northern Lights	Timmins		

YUKON TERRITORY DISTRICT, No. 17

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. C. H. Chapman,
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*Daniel Spry 1876-7
*David McLellan 1878-91
*Thomas Sargant 1892-8
*George J. Bennett 1899-1915
*Henry T. Smith 1916-1928
*Edwin Smith 1929-1949
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FOREWORD

"Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.
O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home."

It is with a great sense of loss that we take up the pen to trace the words of introduction to the reviews of our Sister Grand Jurisdictions in Capitular Masonry, which was at once the task and the joy of our Fraternal Correspondent and Historian, the late Most Ex. Companion George L. Gardiner, who passed away in his home on the morning of December 5th, 1950. The end was startlingly sudden.

Yet, it was found that he had given of himself and his time in the preparation of approximately forty of the reviews which follow which were found in his files, completely tabulated, typed, and ready for the conclusion of the report to which he annually expended so much time and affectionate consideration. Capitular Masonry around the world will miss his friendly, and sympathetic comment and encouragement, and those who occupied similar positions of responsibility in our Sister Jurisdictions and who form a inner circle of companionship in the discharge of their duties, will miss him and his intimate touches of fraternal appreciation. His prose had the quality of poetry; his kindly intuition always sought out the best things and underlined them for the advancement of the Royal Craft throughout the world.

He would have delighted to have subscribe in praise for the further advance which Royal Arch Masonry has made during the period recorded in the following reports. He would have again recorded in the words of last year's report: "The fire of fervency and zeal is burning brightly throughout the Capitular World and we should say 'All is well', 'Peace, harmony and concord reign supreme'."

While gains in membership in some Jurisdictions are not as great as those of the immediately preceding years, still all reports reflect optimism. The horizons are bright with the promise of opportunities for even greater advances and the reports show the records of a past year in which work was well done. Throughout

all the Sister Jurisdictions, there runs like a golden thread, the interest, concern, and appreciation of the fellowship that exists between all the Grand Jurisdictions in Capitular Masonry. At all Annual Convocations, the records show that the Grand Representatives of various Sister Jurisdictions are received and honoured, and exorted to continue their good work in promoting the friendly and fraternal connections for which they are severally responsible, even though distance renders the actual intervisitations well nigh impossible. Nevertheless, the world is getting smaller, intercommunications easier, and with it all, we are getting a better understanding of each other, which deepens our regard, and broadens our interest, one with the other, as companions should.

As this report is written, the world continues in an unhappy state of uncertainty as to the future. Whether it hold war or peace, adversity or prosperity, all the peoples of the earth are searching for security. Great divisions of the world's population support opposing ideologies, but the striving does not bring peace. In all the Grand Jurisdictions, there is sounded a note of confidence that the universal practice of the tenets and principals of our order throughout the world will go far in creating the atmosphere in which nations could live together in peace and harmony and brotherly love, acknowledging one Supreme Being, the Sovereign, Architect, Creator and Ruler of the Universe.

No more fitting conclusion to this report could be written than that with which our late Most Excellent Companion closed his report of last year as in Benediction. "And now our task is done, another page has been turned in our book of record, and as we write 'Finis' to another Chapter, may we express the earnest hope that He whose Holy Word is both the foundation and cope-stone of our Masonic structure, may endow you with all the signal gifts and graces."

April, 1951. C. M. PITTS, G.Z.

FOOTNOTE—I would like here to express my great appreciation to Most Ex. Comps. L. F. Stephens, John M. Burden, F. W. Dean, and Rt. Ex. Comps. A. G. N. Bradshaw and J. A. M. Taylor for their assistance in completing the reviews and making this a completed Report.

C.M.P.

ALBERTA

J. L. Innes—Grand First Principal.

F. G. Hand—Grand Scribe E.

Chapters—29, Membership—2548, Gain—214.

The Thirty-Sixth Annual Convocation held in Calgary, May 10, 1950, with M. Ex. Comp. Innes on the Throne.

Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form by M. Ex. Comp Innes who was ably supported by fourteen Past Grand First Principals. Thirty-four Grand Representatives answered the roll-call. We note with regret that Canada's representative was among the absent.

It is at once a pleasure indeed a delight for this correspondent to again find himself at home in a Canadian Grand Chapter after a lengthy and decidedly interesting journey by correspondence, of course, through numerous Foreign Jurisdictions. As we have remarked on previous occasions the return to familiar Masonic titles and procedure invariably brings a feeling somewhat akin to a home-coming. It is with unalloyed pleasure that we review the proceedings of our friends and fellow-countrymen in the thriving Province of Alberta. But we must return to our review proper. The usual western welcome awaited a host of visitors which includes leaders of the Royal Craft from Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Montana, Manitoba and the General Grand Chapter. Also represented were the Order of High Priesthood, Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Royal and Select Masters and the Grand Lodge of Masonry in the person of M. Wor. Bro. H. B. MacDonald, Grand Master who was accompanied by Grand Secretary George Moore. The Grand Master in replying thanked the companions for his reception, and the good relations existing between the two Grand bodies, stressing the liberty and freedom to rebuild a new and better world upon the foundations of the Supreme Architect of the Universe. Rise up, oh Men of God, to serve the King of Glory.

After a civic welcome extended upon behalf of the Chief Magistrate of the City by Alderman J. L. Hill, the Grand First Principal delivered his Annual Address. Brevity characterizes the valedictory of M. Ex. Comp. Innes. A perusal of this address leaves the reader with the impression that the Grand First Prin-

cipal gave generously of his time and talents in the discharge of his manifold duties. After extending a greeting to those in attendance he referred sympathetically to the Fraternal Dead with a special reference to the great loss sustained by the Craft through the lamented death of M. Ex. Comp. N. T. McLeod.

Under the caption of "Membership" the Grand Z. spoke of Royal Arch Masonry being on the march and in increased interest and enthusiasm Alberta was no exception to the rule. Visitations both within and beyond the confines of his own territory are mentioned in detail as, also, are his dispensations, these latter carrying nothing of unusual interest.

After listing appointments of a number of Grand Representatives M. Ex. Comp. Innes concludes a most readable address with a glowing tribute to the Grand Scribe E. and other officers for the splendid service rendered during the year. The reports of the five Grand Superintendents of Districts contain much of interest and without exception carry a message of hope for the future of the Royal Craft in Alberta.

The report of the Grand Scribe E. is at once comprehensive and enlightening. The high-light being an increase of 214 members despite losses of 69 through death and other causes.

As we read the Grand Treasurer's report we are impressed with the thought that fiscal affairs are well managed, sound and healthy. Assets include bank balance of $4090.00 with investments totalling $4722.50 and a Benevolent Fund of $2540.00.

From an eloquent report on the Fraternal Dead we are constrained to quote the following.—

> "When I am dead, friends,
> Carve no words in marble for epitaph,
> Nor raise for me a special tomb,
> For at such things, Time shall laugh,
> But hold me briefly in your faithful thoughts.
> While briefly thought and life are lent,
> Your tears shall be my ample praise,
> Your love my monument."

Honorary Life Membership was conferred upon a number of prominent Royal Craftsmen including M. Ex. Comp. Earl E. Dusenbery.

The Capitular Review is the joint product of a committee. Turning to the review of our Grand Chapter, we find that we are indebted to Comp. H. E. Bentley for a generous and extremely friendly review of our 1949 Convocation. Full coverage is given to our various activities with note and comment both on our Grand's address and the reports of our various committees. We receive a verbal pat on the back for attaining our objective in the Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund. Comp. Bentley also pays graceful tribute to our last review. He states that Alberta was favorably presented. And why not? Alberta provides excellent material for a review and any effort put forth by this correspondent to interpret conditions in our Sister Province may be written off as a labor of love. Again thanks Comp. Bentley for a most masterly review of our jurisdiction.

Following the election of officers we note with pleasure that H. E. Bentley was declared elected and duly installed as Grand First Principal. E. J. Hand continues as Grand Scribe E.

Edmonton was selected as the next place of meeting.

Our Grand Chapter is ably represented in Alberta by F. S. Watson, while Alberta's representative near our Grand Chapter is Col. R. V. Conover, one of our very active Past First Principals.

ARKANSAS

Vaughan Winston—Grand High Priest.

C. D. Hill—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—51, Membership—7928, Gain—1232.

The One Hundred and First Convocation was held in Little Rock, November 17, 1949.

After opening Grand Chapter in Ample Form M. Ex. Comp. Winston called upon the Grand Chaplain, who kneeling at the Altar offered up prayer. Present and supporting the Grand High Priest were thirteen Past Rulers of Grand Chapter. Forty-five jurisdictions were represented by their Grand Representatives. Canada's representative was among those who responded to the roll-call. Even though in Masonry we contend, that our great Order knows no East or West, bounds or limitations, we note that

jurisdictions beyond the United States are still listed as "furriners." We are content to be in this category as we note that we are in extremely good company. Distinguished visitors were received and accorded a true Arkansas welcome. They hailed from Texas, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Missouri and represented, not only Royal Arch Masonry, but a number of associated bodies. Honored among the guests was C. Lester Hanna, M. Wor. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas. It is quite evident that Arkansas is generous in distributing favors, as no less than thirteen visitors were elected to Honorary Membership.

M. Ex. Comp. Winston presented a clear, concise and businesslike report on his official acts. This address provides some very interesting reading. After a friendly welcome to all present he referred impressively to the sad loss in membership through the activities of the Grim Reaper. We note with sincere regret, the death of Past Grand Secretary John Q. Wolfe and tender our profound sympathy in the passing of this distinguished Craftsman. Appointments are all recorded and among these we note that Edward H. Crossman has assumed the commission of Canada. We bid him welcome and feel sure that Canada's interests will be amply protected.

Dispensations were many and purely routine. It is noted with interest that a number of dormant chapters were rejuvenated and their charters restored. Many pages of the address were necessary to record in detail the Grand High Priest's visitations. M. Ex. Comp. Winston closes his address with a commentary on the "Condition of the Rite." We agree whole-heartedly with all that he has to say on this subject and are constrained to quote a line or two from his closing remarks.—

> "Nevertheless, I believe that the emphasis should not be placed on mere numbers, but rather on the quality of our work. What does our fraternity really mean to mankind? Is it only the number of members and the amount of money we accumulate? If the men who receive the degrees are not impressed with the deep and fundamental teachings of our order, what have we accomplished?"

The reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer provide a fair pen picture of conditions in Arkansas. Membership indicates a healthy growth even considering a loss of 157 through N.P.D. Records of the individual chapters are interesting. Nineteen report exaltations ranging from 20 to 81, while but one chapter reports a loss.

Finances, too, appear sound and encouraging with a Bank balance of $7,646.00, investments of $7,000.00 and a Triennial Savings Account of $7,027.00.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances dispose of their report with the laconic comment "Peace and Harmony prevail."

Following the election of officers Robert E. Blaylock was formally installed as Grand High Priest. C. D. Hill continues as Grand Secretary.

The Order of High Priesthood convened at the close of Grand Chapter.

Arkansas is ably represented in Canada by our Grand Second Principal, A. G. N. Bradshaw while as already mentioned our representative in Arkansas is Edward H. Crossman.

ARKANSAS

Robert E. Blaylock—Grand High Priest.

C. D. Hill—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—54, Membership—8,473, Gain—545—6.8%

The 102nd Annual Convocation held in Little Rock, November 23, 1950, with Most Ex. Comp. Blaylock, G.H.P., presiding. After opening in Ample Form, Ex. Comp. Raymond D. Adams, Grand Chaplain, offered a most impressive Opening Prayer.

Eleven Past Grand High Priests were presented and warmly welcomed by the Grand High Priest. Five others were unable to attend.

Forty-four Grand Representatives answered Roll Call, including our own, and were cordially welcomed. Distinguished Visitors from Sister Grand Bodies and other Grand Jurisdictions, including the Grand Master and the General Grand High Priest, were formally introduced and accorded Grand Honours.

The Address of the Grand High Priest was a record of an active year's work and encouraging progress. The Charter of one Chapter was restored and Dispensations granted for two new Chapters.

He puts his finger on conditions all too prevalent in many Grand Jurisdictions, as well as in his own, where the Officers of Chapters cannot open and close their Chapters properly, or confer

the Degrees; where robes and other paraphernalia are not used but left in lockers; where parts of Degrees ar left out because no Officer is prepared to give them; all indicating a lack of interest, which, if not corrected, must eventually have serious and unfortunate results.

Receipts for the year were $10,830.49, disbursements $9,125.92, bank balance $9,350.78, total assets $30,995.66. The Grand Treasurer also reported $11,293.17 in the Triennial Fund, this having been raised by an extra fifty cents per capita for a number of years to pay the expense of the Triennial session of the General Grand Chapter being held in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1951.

Membership statistics were encouraging, but while there was a net increase of 545, or 6.8%, Suspensions increased from 157 to 237. In six years membership has increased from 3,577 to 8,473, truly a remarkable record and one to be proud of.

Francis J. Scully was regularly installed as Grand High Priest. C. D. Hill continues as Grand Secretary. Edward H. Crossman represents Canada in Arkansas, while Charles H. MacDonald has the honour of representing Arkansas near our Grand Chapter.

There was no report on Fraternal Correspondence. Arkansas does not publish "Reviews."

F.W.D.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Gerald H. Sedger—Grand Z.

George Hugh Mackay—Grand Scribe E.

Chapters—32, Membership—3245, Gain—229.

The Thirty-Second Annual Convocation held in New Westminster, June 21, 1950.

Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form followed by the Invocation by Comp. Rev. T. Spencer Baynes. Twelve Past Grand Z's. and thirty-four Grand Representatives were in attendance. Distinguished visitors included prominent craftsmen from Manitoba, Washington and Oregon, all of whom were fittingly introduced and warmly welcomed.

Following a civic reception by the Mayor of New Westminster the Grand Z. delivered his annual address. Couched in scholarly language M. Ex. Comp. Sedger first tendered a graceful greeting to all present, referred sympathetically to the Fraternal Dead and then announced appointments to the Corps of Grand Representative. Perhaps it may not be out of place to refer to his recommendation to our Grand Chapter for the appointment of M. Ex. Comp. John MacLeod to succeed the late beloved Harry H. Watson. No better selection could have been made and we are proud indeed to have as our Representative such a skilled and brilliant craftsman.

Dispensations were few in number and of no particular importance to other than the chapters interested.

The Grand Z. enumerates his visitations both within and beyond the boundaries of B.C. A perusal of his detailed reports clearly indicates that M. Ex. Comp. Sedger gave unstintingly of his time and talents in the performance of this important phase of his official duties. The address closes with well chosen words of appreciation for the service rendered by the Grand Superintendents and other officers during his tenure of office.

From the Grand Treasurer's report we learn that B.C. has a bank balance of $3674.00 with solid investments totalling $9500.00.

George Hugh Mackay in his report as Grand Scribe E. informs us that despite losses of 103 companions through death and other causes, the net gain in membership was 229.

The reports of the Six Grand Superintendents provide very interesting reading and leave little doubt in the reader's mind as to the healthy condition of the Royal Craft throughout the jurisdiction.

As usual one of the features of the proceedings is the report of our old friend, Grand Registrar J. J. Miller. He pays tribute to the memory of M. Ex. Comp. W. C. Taylor and other distinguished companions by quoting the following.—

> "They walked the path the great have trod,
> The great in heart, the great in mind,
> Who looked through Masonry to God,
> And looked through God to all mankind,
> Learned more than sign, or word, or grip,
> Learned Man's and God's relationship."

Reference was made to the Third Royal Arch Conference held in Winnipeg. The report closes with a reference to the Consecration and Dedicating of a number of newly chartered chapters.

Following the practice of giving an expression of loyalty to His Majesty King George VI and his Royal Consort Queen Elizabeth, Grand Chapter adopted a beautifully worded resolution which was forwarded through official channels to their Majesties. After the adoption of the resolution, the members rose and sang the National Anthem. As we have mentioned in previous reviews, this practice strongly appeals to this writer who suggests, that other Canadian Grand Chapters might well follow the example of our friends in British Columbia.

The Committee on Ritual report that no decision has been reached as to the eliminating of the Past Masters Degree. As this change requires an amendment to the constitution, no doubt, it will be dealt with through a motion to consider such an amendment.

The Capitular Review is again the product of that versatile and entertaining writer J. J. Miller. The "Foreword" is somewhat brief for such a prolific writer as J. J., but it is none-the-less interesting. It is noteworthy that he takes in a little more territory and reviews Great Priory as well as the Scottish Rite and the Royal and Select Masters. Commencing with the Mother Grand Chapter of England, J. J. appears to run the whole gamut of jurisdictions, but a diligent search fails, alas, to find a reference to Canada. We remember that our proceedings were delayed through the untimely death of M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, and, no doubt, failed to reach Vancouver in time for inclusion. There is nothing that J. J. Miller could do which we would not gladly forgive, and, so while disappointed we shall look for consideration by our gifted friend a year hence. In the meantime, may we express the earnest hope that this review may find J. J. enjoying some measure, at least, of health and comfort.

Alex. E. E. Davidson was elected and installed Grand Z., while George Hugh Mackay continues in the office of Grand Scribe E., which he graces so well and efficiently.

As already noted John MacLeod is our representative in British Columbia. John L. House carries B.C.'s commission near our Grand Chapter.

CALIFORNIA

C. Stanley Chapman—Grand High Priest.

Chester H. Newell—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—124, Membership—26,370, Gain—1040.

The Ninety-sixth Annual Convocation held in San Francisco April 17, 1950.

Grand Chapter was formally opened after which the placing of the United States flag and the patriotic services followed.

Seventeen Past Grand High Priests and forty-nine Grand Representatives answered the roll-call. A large group of distinguished visitors were in attendance. These included highly placed Craftsmen from the Grand Chapters of Arizona, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and Maine. Representatives were also present from the Grand Council, the General Grand Chapter, the Grand Commandery and the Grand Lodge of California. It would indeed be superfluous to say that all the guests were warmly welcomed and officially greeted.

It is interesting to note that Ex. Comp. Charles P. MacLafferty answered the roll of Fire and Earthquake Survivors of 1906. It is noticeable as we follow California's proceedings, that the number of survivors who answer the call in Grand Chapter is rapidly dwindling.

The address of the Grand High Priest was at once a lengthy and interesting resume of the year's work. From his introductory remarks we excerpt the following,—

> "In these days of change and terror we may well wonder whether our Companions of 100 years from now will enjoy the right to associate, the freedom to speak and the liberty to act which are ours today. In many once happy lands, the Curtain has descended, the lights have gone out, and hope is dead."

In his reference to Necrology he pays eloquent tribute to the memory of R. Ex. Comp. R. E. Harris, Grand King, who passed away during the year. This section closes with the following.—

> "There is no death! the stars go down
> To rise upon some other shore . . .
> And bright in Heaven's jeweled crown,
> They shine forever more."

Reporting on the "Condition of the Order" M. Ex. Comp. Chapman had this to say,—

> "Except in a few limited areas, Capitular Masonry in California is in a very healthy condition. In this Centennial year of our Golden State we have encouraged the search for the Gold of Fraternity and Companionship, and success is evidenced in the fine fellowship which exists in all our Chapters."

Appointments and other administrative matters are given liberal coverage. Among other references is one, that always appears strange to this writer, it has to do with Open-Air Degrees. While this innovation in Masonry appears as an accepted form of entertainment in California, it is entirely unknown in Canada.

Recommendation for the consideration of salary adjustments for the Grand Secretary and his assistants seems to be in line with similar moves in many jurisdictions.

Many pages are devoted to a detailed account of his visitations and a perusal of this section impresses the reader with the thought that the Grand High Priest was most generous with his time in the fulfilment of his many duties.

This very enjoyable address concludes with the following commentary to which we heartily subscribe.—

> "We have in our Companionship a means of great good. Without offense to any, without purpose of gain in wealth or place or power, even without sacrifice to ourselves, let us to work. The symbolic tools of Masonry are in our hands; the eternal designs are on the Trestleboard. Building together as Companions we can enjoy greatly, and accomplish much. The yoke of our Order is easy and its burdens are light, and the rewards are rich beyond the measurement of man."

The address of the Grand Chaplain merits more than a passing reference. Eloquent, inspirational and educational best describe our impression of this literary epic. Would that space permitted lengthy extracts from this provocative address, we however must content ourselves with this short quotation.—

> "Beautiful lives with a high potential. that if disciplined could make a lasting and a vital contribution to the well-being of men. There are some people that go through the Chapter, beautiful lives they are, we welcome them with out-stretched arms as they apply for fellowship with us. We have great anticipation, we see them at the altar and our hearts are strangely warmed because we feel that here we will have someone who will add dignity to the Chapter, who will bring distinction to it and whose services will make this Chapter a living virile reality in the community, and sometimes they disappoint us, they remain the beautiful characters, that we saw at the altar, they have all the high potentials,

they could be all we dreamed of, but they don't because they aren't disciplined, because they won't go through the necessary requirements of making themselves effective, in the relationship they owe their Lodge and their Chapter."

A brief summary of the Grand Treasurer's report indicates a sound fiscal position. Receipts $23,550.00, expenses $21,691.93 with total assets of $108,271.00.

The Grand Secretary records a net gain in membership of 1040, the gross gain being 2078 with losses of 1038 due to various causes. It is sad to note that approximately 50 per cent of this loss was through the activities of the Grim Reaper.

Carl R. Moore was elected and installed Grand High Priest. Chester H. Newell was re-invested as Grand Secretary with San Francisco again selected as the next place of meeting.

William T. Paullin reported verbally on Fraternal Correspondence. We regret that California no longer publishes reviews of Sister Jurisdictions.

The Order of High Priesthood convened April 17, 1950.

Canada is most capably represented in California by Angus L. Cavanagh while W. H. C. McEachern carries the commission of California near our Grand Chapter.

COLORADO

Robert C. Croes, Grand High Priest.

Harry W. Bundy — Grand Secretary.

Chapters—47, Membership—7,008, Gain—315—4.7%

The 76th Annual Convocation held in Denver, September 21, 1950, Most Ex. Comp. Croes, G.H.P., presiding. After opening in Full Form, Grand Chaplin Wm. O. Richards offered the Opening Prayer.

Fourteen Past Grand High Priests, fifty Grand Representatives, including our own, and many Distinguished Visitors, including leaders of Royal Arch Masonry from Sister Grand Jurisdictions and other branches of our Order, were warmly welcomed and accorded fitting honours.

Would that space were available to dilate upon the excellence of the Grand High Priest's Address, the reading of which would

indeed be an inspiration to any Royal Arch Mason. The energy expended in visiting every Chapter, the fact that there is not one dormant Chapter in his Jurisdiction, his resume of existing conditions, his diagnosis of their cause and his constructive suggestions to remedy them all pay eloquent tribute to a year of splendid service to the Royal Craft.

We heartily agree with his plea for improvement in our ritualistic work, "that every candidate is entitled to his money's worth, with the best pageantry possible to give," as well as his other suggestions that the History of Grand Chapter be kept up to date; that every Chapter, as well as Grand Chapter, survey the matter of Finances, recognize the changes which have taken place in increased costs and make necessary adjustments; that fifty-year membership be recognized; that the matter of Grand Representatives be studied; that steps be taken to build up Royal Arch Masonry where it is backward or unknown, particularly in larger centres; and that an objective of 30% of Master Masons be the goal to strive for. These could well be adopted in our own Grand Jurisdiction.

The Grand Treasurer reported Receipts of $8,125.69, Disbursements $7,452.73, Balance $17,055.65. The Per Capita Tax was increase dfrom 65c to 80c.

Membership increased from 6,693 to 7,008, a gain of 315, or 4.7%. The net gain was 50% greater than the previous year. The number of exaltations was the largest for 30 years.

Edward E. Hedblom was regularly installed as Grand High Priest. Harry W. Bundy continues as Grand Secretary.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence by Percy P. Barbour, though exceedingly brief, is most interesting. His cryptic comment on each Grand Jurisdiction is indeed a gift. Canada is well covered. The Reviews of five Jurisdictions were written by their Grand Representatives, which seems to be a good idea and most appropriate.

Our Grand Representative in Colorado is Clarence L. Bartholic. Kenneth S. Clarke has the honour of representing Colorado near our Grand Chapter.

F.W.D.

CONNECTICUT

Herbert R. Trolle—Grand High Priest.

Bliss W. Clark—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—46, Membership—10,933, Gain—115.

The One Hundred and Fifty-first Annual Convocation held in Hartford, May 10, 1949.

Grand Chapter was formally opened by M. Ex. Comp. Trolle followed by prayer by the Grand Chaplain. Twelve Past Grand High Priests and thirty-seven Grand Representatives were in attendance. We note with regret the absence of Canada's representative.

Among the distinguished visitors received and warmly greeted were delegates from the Grand Chapters of Maine, Virginia, New York, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Also, represented were the following Associate Bodies, The Order of High Priesthood, the Scottish Rite, Knights Templar, Royal and Select Masters, the General Grand Chapter and in the place of honor M. Wor. Bro. P. J. Jones, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

From the very inspiring address of M. Ex. Comp. Trolle we learn much of the activities of Grand Chapter for the past year. After a word of welcome to those present the Grand High Priest spoke with feeling of the great loss sustained by the passing of Connecticut's oldest Past Grand High Priest, M. Ex. Comp. Frank W. Beardsley. Under the caption of "Condition of the Rite" he stresses the fact that economically things are levelling off even though the chapters have enjoyed a busy year and show a substantial gain in membership. Reference was made to the appointment of a Publicity Committee whose duty it will be to release for publication in newspapers important Chapter events. Dispensations were mostly routine, although one refused was to permit a chapter to loan the chapter robes to church associations to be used for Christmas pageants. We quite agree with M. Ex. Comp. Trolle, that these robes are for chapter degree work only. Numerous visits to constituent chapters and other Masonic bodies are all recorded in detail. We note with pleasure the Grand High Priest's reference to his visit to Ottawa to visit our Grand Chapter. Needless to say we were delighted to have him with us on that occasion.

The valedictory of M. Ex. Comp. Trolle concludes with a glowing tribute to the Grand Secretary, Past Grand High Priests and others who assisted during the year.

This very interesting address closes with these words.—

"My record is before you. You, Companions, are the Overseers. If this record passes the test of your Squares, I am content."

Following established precedent a written report of all officers appears in the proceedings.

Finances according to the report of the Grand Treasurer appear sound and should be encouraging to the members of Grand Chapter. It is interesting to learn that Grand Chapter has a Trust Fund totalling to $14,833.00.

From the Grand Secretary's comprehensive report, we note that notwithstanding a heavy death loss, the membership reports a net increase of 115.

From an impressive report on memorials we are constrained to quote the following poetic gem.—

"Strong Son of God, Immortal Love
Whom we, that have not seen Thy face
By faith, and faith alone, embrace,
Believing where we cannot prove:

We have but faith: we cannot know,
For knowledge is of things we see
And yet we trust it comes from Thee,
A beam in darkness: let it grow."

While Connecticut appoints a Fraternal Correspondent a diligent perusal of the proceedings fails to locate a Fraternal Report.

James W. Burhoe was elected and installed Grand High Priest. Bliss W. Clark continues as Grand Secretary.

The Order of High Priesthood convened April 30, 1949.

Canada is represented in Connecticut by George N. Delap while Harvey J. Milne is our representative in Connecticut.

CONNECTICUT

James W. Burhoe—Grand High Priest.

Bliss W. Clark,—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—46, Membership—10,903, Loss—11

The 152nd Annual Convocation held in Hartford, May 9, 1950, Most Ex. Comp. Burhoe, G.H.P., presiding. After opening in Ample Form, Prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain.

Twelve Past Grand High Priests, thirty-six Grand Representatives, our own being absent, and many Distinguished Visitors, including leaders of the Royal Craft from Sister Grand Jurisdictions and other branches of our Order, were warmly welcomed and accorded fitting honours.

The address of the Grand High Priest was short, covered his activities for the year and made no recommendations.

In Connecticut they follow the practice of having all their "Line" Officers visit a number of Chapters and report thereon to Grand Chapter, which seems to be something to which other Grand Jurisdictions might profitably give consideration.

The Grand Treasurer reported Receipts of $4,177.03, Disbursements $5,283.64, Balance $4,218.27. They also have $15,329.11 in invested funds.

Membership decreased from 10,914 to 10,903, largely due to the loss by death of 297 Companions.

From the Report of the Committee on Memorials we quote:

> "It is not death to die;
> To leave behind this weary road,
> And midst the brotherhood on high
> To be at home with God."

From the Report of the Committee of Custodians we extract this paragraph, which we fully endorse:

> "While it is the custom in many Masonic bodies to delegate important parts of the work to past officers, we believe this practice has a tendency to detract from the interest of each line officer, whose duty it should be to perform ALL of the ritualistic work pertaining to his station, on the theory that he who performs his duty well, even in a subordinate station, is as justly entitled to esteem and respect as he who is invested with supreme authority."

William M. Wyman was regularly installed as Grand High Priest. Bliss W. Clark continues as Grand Secretary.

George N. Delap is our Grand Representative in Connecticut, while Harvey J. Milne is their Grand Representative near our Grand Chapter.

F.W.D.

DELAWARE

J. Ralph Carey—Grand High Priest.

Marshall M. Carpenter—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—5, Membership—1009, Gain—4.

The Eighty-second Annual Convocation was held in Wilmington, January 18, 1950.

After opening Grand Chapter and receiving fifteen Past Grand High Priests, M. Ex. Comp. Carey extended a warm fraternal greeting to many honored guests. These included delegations from General Grand Chapter, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, New York and New Jersey. Also, received were distinguished Craftsmen representing the Grand Lodge of Delaware, the Grand Council, Knights Templar, Red Cross of Constantine and the Scottish Rite. Thirty-four Grand Jurisdictions were represented by their accredited Grand Representatives. We are happy to note that N. D. Rand was present and did the honors for Canada.

M. Ex. Comp. Carey established somewhat of a record in the brevity of his address. While short and to the point, it was interesting and informative.

After extending a welcome to all present and paying tribute to the Fraternal Dead of his own jurisdiction, he made special reference to the distinguished dead of Sister Grand Chapter. We note with appreciation his reference to Canada's heavy loss through the passing of M. Ex. Comps. Dr. W. G. Price and Edwin Smith.

Official visits, dispensations and appointments are all fully covered. The address concludes with words of commendation for the splendid support rendered by the officers of Grand Chapter.

The Grand Treasurer's report indicates finances as sound and encouraging with total assets of $1,740.00.

The report of the Grand Secretary is also encouraging, although deaths were twenty-nine, almost balancing the number of new members. The net gain being four.

From the report of the Memorials Committee we extract the following lines.—

> "They are passing away, those dear old friends,
> Like leaves on the current cast.
> With never a break in the rapid flow,
> We watched them as, one by one, they go
> Into the beautiful past."

The Committee on Education presented a very fine report from which we quote the opening paragraph.—

> "Masonic education may be divided into three phases; namely, ritualistic, philosophical, and historical. The man who knows Masonic ritual has learned much of Masonry, but unless he has studied its philosophy and become familiar with its history he has missed much of its significance, not to speak of its beauty and intriguing interest."

R. Earle Dickey was elected and installed as Grand High Priest. Marshall M. Carpenter continues as Grand Secretary.

The Order of High Priesthood convened December 30, 1949.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence was brief in the extreme and expressed regret, that finances did not permit of a printed report.

Canada is represented in Delaware by N. D. Rand while George Slack plays a similar role for Delaware near our Grand Chapter.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

John G. Mathes—Grand High Priest.

Aubrey H. Clayton—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—14, Membership—4895, Gain—44.

The Eighty-third Annual Convocation held in Washington February 8th, 1950 with M. Ex. Comp. Mathes presiding.

Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form followed by the Invocation by the Grand Chaplain.

Ten Past Grand High Priests and thirty-seven Grand Representatives were appropriately greeted.

From Associate bodies a number of distinguished Craftsmen were introduced. These included the Grand Master of Grand Lodge, the Grand Master of Grand Council and the Grand Commander and Grand Recorder of Knights Templar, all of whom were formally welcomed with honors suitable to their rank in Masonry.

Sister Jurisdictions officially received included delegates from Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

We thoroughly enjoyed reading the Annual Address by M. Ex. Comp. Mathes. In his introductory remarks he tendered a warm fraternal welcome to all present, and briefly referred to the result obtained during the past year. He stated that while the gain in membership was small yet there was great satisfaction in the knowledge that harmony and contentment reigns supreme.

In a graceful tribute to the Fraternal Dead he prefaces this section with this poetic gem.—

> "Beyond the Blue to the land of Light
> They have wandered away, just out of sight;
> And so released by pain, and care,
> They are waiting for us to join them there."

Appointments and visitations are fully set forth. These latter include visits to local Chapters as well as to other Jurisdictions.

The Grand High Priest paid glowing tribute to the Grand Secretary, and other Grand Chapter Officers, all of whom merited his gratitude and appreciation. This very interesting address concludes with an extract from the poem "Compensation" by Edgar A. Guest.

The report of the Grand Treasurer impresses the reader with the thought that finances are exceedingly sound with a cash balance in the General Fund of $4,528.59, a Triennial Fund of $999.35, with balances of $5,604.67, and $3,575.53 respectively in the District Building and Loan Association, and National Building Association. Investments in U.S. Bonds total $6,300.00.

The report of Grand Secretary Clayton indicates an active year with Exaltations, Affiliations and Re-instatements of 286, with losses through death and other causes of 242, leaving a net gain of 44 in membership.

We always appreicate the report of Lucien G. Yung, Grand Lecturer. His thoughts are lofty and eloquently expressed. We quote a few lines which earns our silent applause.

> "Masonry is popular and respected because Masons unconsciously disclose, by their own actions, their philosophy of life. Every member is under a sacred obligation to translate his Masonry into daily life and practice, and this, done wholeheartedly, means advantage to the world in general. He has a definite work to perform in ministering, not only to his own Fraternity, but to all his fellowmen who make a reasonable claim on his sympathy and help."

A resolution to abolish the position of Deputy Grand High Priest was duly presented for consideration. This office has always appealed to this correspondent as about as necessary as a fifth wheel to a coach.

As usual the report on Fraternal Correspondence is from the pen of Otta B. Roepke, Past Grand High Priest. From his brief, but interesting Foreword we extract the following:—

> "The absence of a solution for the vital problems affecting the peace of the world continues to have the attention of our leadership. We can not avoid the unanimous conviction that the existing conditions should urge us to still greater efforts to spread the principles of Masonry, for they are definitely the only reasonable basis for a lasting peace."

We turn quickly to his review of Canada, and find we have been treated very generously. He has words of praise for the address of M. Ex. Comp. Dean, and states that our Grand Z.'s address was inspirational. Liberal quotes are made from the reports of our various committees, while Comp. Roepke even found space to refer in friendly fashion to our last review. May we suggest to him that it is always a pleasure to read his reviews.

We are pleased to have as Canada's representative in District of Columbia Lucien G. Yung, while our Grand Scribe E. Fred J. Johnson (Grand Secretary) carries the commissior of the District of Columbia near our Grand Chapter

FLORIDA

Leslie C. Bortle—Grand High Priest.

John B. Phelps—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—42, Membership—7209, Gain—399.

The One Hundred and Third Annual Convocation held in Miami May 24, 1950 with M. Ex. Comp. Bortle in the chair.

After the formal opening thirteen Past Grand High Priests and forty-nine Grand Representatives were received, and officially greeted.

Visitors were many and included delegations from the General Grand Chapter as well as from the following Sister Jurisdictions—Ohio, Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina and the District of Columbia.

Distinguished Craftsmen were also present from the Grand Commandery, Grand Council and the Grand Lodge of Florida. All were introduced and received a warm fraternal welcome.

The address of M. Ex. Comp. Bortle while anything but lengthy nevertheless covered all his official acts and left much sound logic with his Companions. From his opening remarks we extract the following.—

> "Active, sincere leadership is an important factor in our continued progress. Leadership does not necessarily require unusual skill, but it does require men who are willing to devote time and effort to the work of the Order, as well as to the teachings of Masonry so that each may be fully conversant with the precepts and principles. Sometimes it requires more skill to be a good follower than it does an accomplished leader."

Visitations are set forth in detail, and provide interesting reading. Dispensations were few in number, and purely administrative. We note that one was to permit the formation of a new Chapter, which always suggests progress.

Many commissions were issued to replacements among the roster of Grand Representatives.

The address concludes with a warm commentary on the splendid work of the Grand Secretary.

The report of the Committee on Memorials is graceful and impressive. We extract a paragraph, and a verse from this beautifully written report.

> "We behold the dismembered fragments of empires, kingdoms and republics drifting down the stream of human history, solemnly sublime in their utter desolation. Nay more, we see the entire human race on its inexorable march to the grave because it is appointed unto man once to die."
> But we as Masons are possessed of a sure and certain hope and, "I would not have you to be ignorant Brethren concerning them that are asleep, that you sorrow not, even as others which have no hope."

> "Oh, what a tiny thing is man,
> Yet in his brain the eternal plan.
> Through ages long he seeks to rise;
> He feels his path points to the skies—
> Led by a heavenly beam.
> He conquers every foe that bars;
> His way is up; his lure, the stars,
> His feet on earth, his face upturned,
> He profits by hard lessons learned,
> And follows still the gleam."

The Grand Treasurer through his report informs us of the comforting financial position of Grand Chapter. The outstanding features being a cash balance of $12,497.00 with investments totalling $16,000.00.

The report of Grand Secretary Phelps is short and businesslike. We learn that suspensions in 1949 were heavy while death removed 111 Companions from this earthly sphere. Despite these substantial losses a net gain of 399 in membership was recorded.

The officers elected included Carl H. Papier as Grand High Priest, and of course, the very efficient John B. Phelps was again returned as Grand Secretary. Jacksonville was selected as the next place of meeting.

The Order of High Priesthood convened May 24, 1950.

It is a matter of regret that Florida does not publish a Fraternal Review.

Kenneth N. Carrie represents Florida in Canada, while our interest in Florida are the concern of H. J. Wendland.

GEORGIA

J. R. Belflower—Grand High Priest.

W. J. Penn, Jr.—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—113, Membership—19,000, Gain—1142.

The One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Annual Convocation held in Macon, April 19, 1950 with M. Ex. Comp. Belflower presiding.

Following the opening ceremonies prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain, and the patriotic exercises were observed.

Twelve Past Grand High Priests and forty-two Grand Representatives were in attendance.

Honored Past Grand High Priests and forty-two Grand Representatives were in attendance.

Honored guests included the Most Worshipful Grand Master J. Everett Thrift of Grand Lodge of Georgia, delegations from General Grand Chapter, the Grand Council, the Knights Templar and the Grand High Priest of Florida, all of whom received a formal welcome, and were seated in the Grand East.

The address of M. Ex. Comp. Belflower was an able presentation of his official acts for the past year. After a greeting to all present he spoke feelingly of the Fraternal Dead. Dispensations were many, and presented in tabulated form. They were all purely routine. It is noteworthy that a Charter was granted to one new Chapter, while dispensations were issued for the formation of three new Chapters. Appointments were listed as also visitations, both to constitutent Chapters and other Masonic bodies. Under "Condition of the Order" the Grand High Priest spoke favorably of the numerical and financial condition of Grand Chapter.

This very informative address concludes with words of appreciation for the assistance rendered by the Grand Secretary, and other officers.

We find the Grand Secretary's report very interesting. With a large number of suspensions, and a sizeable death toll Georgia nevertheless reports an increase in membership of 1142. Ninety-one Chapters record a gain in membership, while reinstatements were reported by fifty-five Chapters, all of which indicates a healthy condition.

Finances appear sound and comforting according to the Grand Treasurer's report. Cash on hand totals $50,944.00, a savings account of $2,677.00, investments of $43,000.00, and an Educational account of $1,512.00. This should make interesting reading for the Companions of Georgia.

The report on Memorials is beautifully written, eloquent and impressive. Tribute is paid to the memory of 176 Royal Arch Masons of Georgia, who during the year joined that innumerable caravan toward that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveller returneth. We quote a line, or two from this report.—

> "The kind acts shall live on—their noble example of character shall be inspirations to us forever—about their sacred memories we shall place golden frames and constantly behold their acts of charity and good will. It was a wise one who said "being dead yet speaketh." They shall speak to us constantly in the work they left and in the tools handed to us to use in the faith of our fraternity."

Walter B. Purse prefaces his Fraternal Review with an interesting Foreword in which he reminds us that despite disturbing conditions in many nations peace and harmony prevail within the realm of Capitular Masonry.

The review of Canada is an able presentation of the happenings at our 1949 Convocation. Comp. Purse seems to have thoroughly studied our proceedings, and gives full coverage to all important phases of our work. We tender our appreciation of the courteous treatment accorded our Jurisdication.

The Order of High Priesthood convened April 19, 1950.

Canada is well represented in Georgia by Thomas B. Elfe, while Gordon Haywood plays a similar role in Canada for our friends of Georgia.

IDAHO

Hiram L. Smith—Grand High Priest.

Edward H. Way—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—21, Membership—2640, Gain—31.

The Forty-second Convocation held in Boise, May 15th, 1950 with R. Ex. Comp. Robert A. Sommerville, Grand King, as Acting Grand High Priest.

Grand Chapter was opened in full form with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Fourteen Past Grand High Priests were formally received while thirty-nine Grand Representatives answered the roll-call and also were officially greeted. We note with interest that Charles Harting responded for Canada. Honored guests were introduced and fittingly welcomed. These included the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Idaho, the Grand Master of Grand Council and the Grand Commander Knights Templar.

The annual address was delivered by the Acting Grand High Priest. As an explanation as to the absence of M. Ex. Comp. Smith, we quote the following.—

> "As you all know, after his election to the office as Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Idaho, Companion Hiram L. Smith, was stricken with an illness and unable to carry on the duties of his office. It is extremely unfortunate that this happened, and the other members of the Grand Chapter have carried on to execute the workings of the Grand Chapter."

After a warm welcome to all present a brief reference to Necrology, courtesy degrees and other official acts, R. Ex. Comp. Sommerville listed visitations to constituent chapters, and referred to dispensations which by the way were few in number and relatively unimportant. A number of new Grand Representatives were commissioned and after announcing these appointments, the Acting Grand High Priest spoke on the "Condition of the Order." His remarks indicated a healthy condition with bright prospects for the future. The address concludes with a few well chosen words which expressed the pleasure of R. Ex. Comp. Sommerville in acting for M. Ex. Comp. Smith during the past year.

From the Grand Treasurer we learn that receipts exceeded disbursements with a bank balance of $4,210.00, a savings account of $2,116.00 and investments in Government Bonds valued at $4,900.00.

Grand Secretary Way's report comprehensively covers all administrative acts and reports an increase of 31 in membership.

It is noteworthy beautiful bouquets of flowers were presented to Grand Chapter by Grand Lodge, as well as by Royal and Select Masters, the Idaho Commandery and El Korah Temple of the Mystic Shrine. The Acting Grand High Priest tendered thanks and words of appreciation.

From an eloquent report on Necrology we extract the following poetic gem.—

"No power can die that ever wrought for Truth;
Thereby a law of nature it became
And lives unwithered in its sinew youth,
When he who called it forth is but a name.
Therefore I can not think thee wholly gone;
The better part of thee is with us still;
The soul its hampering clay aside hath thrown
And only freer wrestles with the Ill.
Thou livest in the life of all good things;
What words thou speakest for Freedom shall not die;
Thou sleepest not, for now thy love hath wings
To soar where hence thy Hope could hardly fly."

The report on Fraternal Correspondence commands our attention. Past Grand High Priest John Shore presents an able review of many Grand Chapters. From a pithy and very readable Foreword we note his suggestion, that a closer link is necessary between Craft Lodges and the Royal Arch. He even suggests that there might be an advantage in having more chapters, indeed he suggests possibly one for each Lodge. He has a worthwhile thought in this regard, which if adopted would bring us in line with the procedure adopted in England.

He closes with the following.—

"I ask earnest attention to this problem. If you agree, well and good, go to work. If you disagree, let us know how and why. A good dissenter is almost as useful as a good disciple."

We now turn with avidity to his review of Canada where he deals with our Ottawa Convocation in masterly style. Nothing of import seems to have been overlooked. He covers our activities in note and comment with particular reference to our Grand Z.'s address. He even finds space to quote from our address of welcome and from our last review. We more than appreciate all the nice comments on our last Capitular Review, which in itself is just compensation for any effort it may have cost. He feels honored to have been included in our reviews, which he states leaves him with a sense of having received Public Grand Honors.

May we say that we shall strive to merit his continued approval and take the opportunity of tendering to M. Ex. Comp. Shore our congratulations on a splendid report.

Following the election of officers Robert A. Sommerville was declared and installed as Grand High Priest. Edward H. Way was again invested as Grand Secretary, while Sandpoint was selected as the next place of meeting.

The Order of High Priesthood convened at the close of Grand Chapter.

Canada as already noted is well represented in Idaho by Charles Harting. The commission of Idaho in Canada is the responsibility of F. A. McDiarmid.

ILLINOIS

Walter W. Taylor—Grand High Priest.

Edward E. Core—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—210, Membership—36899, Gain—1050.

The One Hundred and First Annual Convocation held in Chicago April 25, 1950.

Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form followed by the Invocation by the Grand Chaplain, after which many honored guests were ushered in, and formally welcomed. These included delegations from Indiana, Kentucky, Iowa, Louisiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Manitoba, California, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, Ohio, and the General Grand Chapter.

Associate bodies were well represented by strong delegations, these were Grand Council, Grand Commandery, Red Cross of Constantine, and the basic body of Masonry the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M.

The Past Grand High Priests of Illinois and Grand Representative to the number of fifty also were officially received.

The address of M. Ex. Comp. Taylor while brief as such addresses go nevertheless covers the whole gamut of the year's activities in a remarkably short space. Interesting, illuminative and educational expresses our opinion. After a most friendly welcome to those present he spoke sympathetically of the Fraternal Dead with a special reference to the lamented deaths of Deputy Grand High Priest W. F. Gammill, and Past Grand High Priest W. C. Rapp.

Dispensations, appointments and the presentation of Fifty Year Certificates are all set forth in detail.

Visitations are enumerated in an Addendum to the address proper.

Reference is made to the events of the year, which marked the Centennial of Grand Chapter. These celebrations closed with a special gathering in Medinah Temple where members and their families and friends were treated to an evening of entertainment, concluding with an inspiring address by M. Ex. Comp. Roscoe R. Walcutt.

The valedictory of M. Ex. Comp. Taylor closes with a well-deserved tribute to the work of the Grand Secretary and other officers.

Finances of Grand Chapter appear sound and healthy according to the report of Grand Treasurer Pierson. The total assets being $86,537.80, of which amount $31,537.80 is in the General Fund, the balance represents investments in U.S. Treasury Bonds.

The report of the Grand Secretary provides a pen picture of general conditions, both of Grand Chapter and the individual constitutent Chapters. The Grim Reaper exacted a heavy toll during the year. Deaths total 863, while suspensions were 512, with a total loss from all causes of 1762. To offset this Exaltations were 2258, Affiliations 196 and Restorations 338, making a grand total of 2812, or a net gain in membership of 1050. This appeals to this correspondent as a very encouraging position.

From a most impressive report on Obituaries we quote the last verse of a beautiful poem by Comp. Charles H. Stephens.—

"We do not know what plans the Great I Am
Has drawn upon the trestle-board of time
Nor can we understand the diagram
Conceived by Him whose spirit is sublime.
But this we know, that, if we do our best
And to our fellow creatures daily give
Our best endeavors, that the final test
Will crown right living with the right to live;
For there's no end to deeds that kindness wrought,
Nor can he die who coins a living thought."

Ve also are constrained to extract another poetic thought from this eloquent report.—

"There comes a time, it comes to all,
When we shall hear the Warden's call:
And each with ashler, rough or true,
Must pass death's solemn portals through;
Be it ours, Companions, then to hear
From the Master's lips these words to cheer:
'Your work is found both True and Square . . . Pass on'."

The address of the Grand Chaplain is a literary epic. Would that space permitted us to reproduce this sterling talk in its entirety, alas this is not possible, and we content ourselves with quoting the final lines of this truly great address.—

"As Masons and as citizens of this great Republic, we cannot go far wrong, if we hold to these three principles:

1. We cannot change our Constitutional rights.
2. We cannot avoid our moral obligations.
3. We cannot endorse any movement which does not have GOD in the the center.

So long as this body of Masons adheres to these principles, it will ever be the bulwark of strength to the Nation. May we never forget our obligations."

The report on Fraternal Relations is again from the gifted pen of Everett R. Turnbull, Past Grand High Priest.

From a splendid "Foreword" we excerpt the following.—

"There has been a general let down in the law requiring petitions to be held over until a future convocation before being balloted on. The excuse is to save time. If that law is holding back work why not repeal it and thus obviate the necessity of violating the law?"

We heartily agree with Comp. Turnbull, and have noted many instances where the law has been discarded to meet a condition, or the whim of a presiding officer.

And now what has Comp. Turnbull to say about Canada. As usual we find that we have been accorded generous treatment with almost four pages of note and comment on our 1949 Convocation. Nothing of import seems to have been overlooked by the Reviewer. Liberal space is given to our Grand Z.'s address, and reference made to the Conference of Canadian Grand Chapters, and our Victory Thanksgiving Fund.

We note the comment on Serving Companions, and the fact that they are unknown in Illinois. The Companions referred to are those who serve as Outer Guard or Tyler—this office is elected by open vote and is not in the regular line of officers. In many cases these brethren and companions serve for many years, yes even a Masonic lifetime in the one position where there is no chance of advancement and seldom an opportunity to see the inside of a Lodge, or Chapter while at work. Hence the term Serving Companions. In most cases they receive a fee, or honorarium for their services.

We appreciate the kind reference to our last review, and may say that the proceedings of Illinois are among the most interesting that come to our desk for review. Kind regards. Comp. Turnbull.

Following the election of officers Robert E. McLoud was formally installed as Grand High Priest, while the office of Grand Secretary continues the responsibility of Edward E. Care.

Illinois is well represented in Canada by J. J. Shelley. Canada's representative in Illinois is Fred W. Soady.

IOWA

Harold R. Smiley—Grand High Priest.

Ross J. Camblin—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—95, Membership—14871, Gain—559.

The Ninety-fourth Annual Convocation was held in Fort Dodge, April 18, 1950 with M. Ex. Comp. Smiley in the chair.

Unlike Canadian procedure where Grand Chapter is opened by the Grand Z. and his officers we note that in Iowa the opening ceremony is in charge of a Board of Custodians following which the Grand High Priest is received, and tendered the gavel. Eleven Past Grand High Priests of Iowa were present and officially received. Forty-nine Grand Representatives answered the roll-call, and were accorded a formal reception.

Guests of Honor were warmly welcomed with suitable honors. These included leaders of the Royal Craft from the Grand Chapters of South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota and Illinois. Distinguished Craftsmen representing Knights Templar, Grand Council and the Grand Lodge of Iowa also were introduced and fraternally greeted. M. Wor. Bro. Carpenter, the Grand Master of Grand Lodge was extended the gavel. He then addressed the assembly, and returned the gavel to M. Ex. Comp. Smiley.

The annual address of the Grand High Priest impresses the reader that it is the product of a cultured mind, free from banalities, it covers his year's work in a most readable manner, with here and there thought-provoking items, which attract and hold the reader's interest.

Following his introductory remarks the Grand High Priest referred to the year's objective. This objective being an endeavour to stimulate interest in the revised ritual, and assist in its use.

Under the caption of "Condition of the Order" he stated that while the increase in membership of 559 members was slightly less than in 1948 it undoubtedly was due to the introduction of the new ritual.

A detailed reference is made to the numerous visitations both within, and beyond the borders of Iowa. Eighty-five special dispensations were issued by M. Ex. Comp. Smiley, these covering purely administrative matters. He also mentions the constituting of a new Chapter, and the presentation of seventeen "Fifty Year Certificates."

After a graceful tribute to the splendid service rendered by the Grand Secretary the Grand High Priest closes his address with a thoughtful comment on world conditions. We quote a few lines.

> "We have won two wars, but not yet do we have peace; to many a third war is inevitable. Confusion and unrest awaits us at every crossroad. What the outcome will be, we do not know. We can only hope and pray that with divine guidance the teachings of Free Masonry will prevail. In my humble opinion, our greatest danger lies not in foreign lands, but right here among us at home. Some forms of society are slowly but surely making inroads upon the people of this great nation with promises of life's abundancy and protection from cradle to grave."

The report of the Grand Treasurer indicates a sound fiscal position with a cash balance of $13,479.00 and investments totalling $29,600.00.

The report of Ross J. Camblin, Grand Secretary, is sufficiently comprehensive to embrace all branches of administrative work, the outstanding feature being an increase of 559 in the membership despite losses through death and other causes amounting to 628 members.

The report on the Committee on Necrology is beautifully worded and from this report we excerpt the following poetic thought.—

> "We can not see far down life's trail;
> Like twisting vine, it winds and bends,
> As if to hide from human sight
> The devious ways which all life wends.
>
> We must go forth with hopeful hearts
> Along this unknown trail,
> And trust the Father's guiding hand
> Through sunshine bright and blinding gale."

Past Grand High Priest Lloyd Rime presented the Capitular Review. His Foreword is most entertaining, and from this wholesome dissertation we extract the following.—

> "As a builder of morals in the community, the Masonic Fraternity may well be considered next in importance to the church of the living God. It may not be regarded as a religion, but it is certainly religious in nature since it is founded on the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man."

Canada is not included in the reviews, no doubt due to delay in receiving our Proceedings, but the Grand Chapters which are covered have been carefully reviewed in a very interesting manner. No doubt next year Canada may be included. In the meantime congratulations M. Ex. Sir on a masterly review.

Following the election of officers C. W. Conard was declared and installed as Grand High Priest, while the Grand Secretary's office continues to be the responsibility of Ross J. Camblin.

The Order of High Priesthood convened at the close of Grand Chapter.

E. W. F. Holler faithfully represents Canada in Iowa, while another veteran Craftsman in the person of Dr. B. F. Nott performs a similar duty in Canada for Iowa.

IRELAND

Sir Milne Barbour—Grand King.

Henry C. Shellard—Grand Registrar.

Regular Convocations of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland convene on the first Wednesday of February, May, July and November.

Quoting from a letter from the Deputy Grand King, dated January 6th, 1950, to R.E. Grand Registrar reading as follows:—

> "In spite of the serious accident that befell the Most Excellent Grand King last October, he was able to carry out his intention to visit the Southern Hemisphere again and set out on his journey early in December. It is to be hoped that it will be as successful as his previous expeditions, and that he will return completely restored to health."
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> "The District Grand Chapter of Wicklow and Wexford have acquired a new Grand First Principal in the person of M.E. Comp. T. E. Earl whose zeal and enthusiasm for R.A. Masonry are well known, and who will prove a worthy successor to M.E. Comp. Harty, whose resignation, owing to ill-health, might otherwise have proved disastrous. It is to be hoped that both will long continue to promote the interests of the District."

Report shows the loss by death of several prominent and respected Companions:—

M.E. Comp. A. L. Porter
M.E. Comp. T. B. Adams.
M.E. Comp. J. S. McElveen.
M.E. Comp. F. R. Jackson.
R.E. Comp. The Rev. Samuel Cochrane.

"And I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me, write," Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth."

Four new Warrants were issued during the year, indicating a healthy and flourishing condition in the Royal Craft throughout the Jurisdiction.

All the Chapters in New Zealand, Natal and South Africa report an increase in membership and meetings well attended by both Grand Officers and Companions.

All reports including the Grand Treasurer's show a very solid foundation in the Grand body.

It is very interesting to note the great interest shown in the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Instruction, under the guidance of V.E. Comp. R. H. G. Boys.

Canada's representative in Ireland is H. C. Shellard, while R. W. McFadden represents Ireland near our Grand Chapter.

J.A.M.T.

KANSAS

Ottis B. Allen—Grand High Priest.

Elmer F. Strain—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—90, Membership—15,053, Gain—605.

The Eighty-fifth Annual Convocation held in Topeka February 6, 1950.

Grand Chapter was formally opened by M. Ex. Comp Allen. Fifteen Past Grand High Priests and forty-six Grand Representatives were present. Canada, as usual, was well represented by Roy H. Clossen. Among the visitors were delegations from the following Grand Chapters Missouri, Oklahoma, Iowa and Nebraska. Associate bodies were also well represented, these included Grand Council, Grand Commandery and the Grand Lodge of Kansas. As to be expected all were cordially welcomed and given the customary Grand Honors.

The address of the Grand High Priest was a delightful narrative of his year's activities. The address opened with a warm fraternal greeting to all present, a commentary on the privilege of fulfilling the manifold duties of a presiding officer and a sympathetic reference to the Fraternal Dead. Special tribute was paid to the passing of A. K. Wilson, Grand Secretary Emeritus and J. Lloyd Morris, Grand Captain of the Host, both of whom died during the past twelve months.

Appointments and dispensations were given full coverage, the latter being purely routine in character. Visitations were many and varied and provide an interesting side-light on the year's work.

Failing in his efforts to rejuvenate Overbrook Chapter, the Grand High Priest very reluctantly was forced to arrest the charter.

Among the recommendations made was one to appoint Regional Instructors and to appropriate $1,500.00 to cover expenses of these appointees. Speaking on the "Condition of the Craft," the Grand High Priest stated that conditions were encouraging and that officers of constituent chapters were active and enthusiastic.

This most interesting address concludes with a tribute to the various officers, Past and Present, who so willingly had assisted during the year. He also has this to say with which we heartily agree.—

> "Our branch of Masonry, with the Symbolic Lodge as its foundation, antedates all others; its landmarks are still clear and distinct, and we should keep it that way. However, let us not forget that Masonry is also a progressive science and allows sufficient latitude for keeping abreast of the times. Only by so doing may we hope to maintain our high position in the society of man."

The report of the Grand Treasurer indicates receipts in excess of disbursements with a General Fund of $11,548.00, a Charity Fund of $2,338.00 and investments totalling $18,500.00.

Elmer F. Strain's report as Grand Secretary covers in a comprehensive manner the administrative work of Grand Chapter. Membership increase despite losses through death and other causes reached a total of 605.

A most impressive "Report on Necrology" opens with a verse of "Lead Kindly Light" and closes with another verse of this old favourite hymn. We quote also the following.—

> "Know not what the future hath
> Of marvel and surprise
> Assured alone that life and death
> His mercy underlies."

Kenneth N. Pomeroy presented the report of the "Correspondence Review," while no Foreword appears we have enjoyed reading the review of the various Grand Chapters. Canada is among the missing but we note with pleasure that our Sister Provinces of British Columbia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan receive in-

teresting and friendly consideration. No doubt, our proceedings were received by Comp. Pomeroy too late for inclusion in his report. We hope to be represented in next year's review.

Following the election of officers Joseph L. Kirk was duly installed as Grand High Priest. Elmer F. Strain continues as Grand Secretary.

The Order of High Priesthood convened February 7th, 1950.

Kansas is ably represented in Canada by A. P. Goring of Hamilton, Ontario, while as already noted our interests in Kansas are carefully observed by Roy H. Clossen.

KENTUCKY

James D. Carmichael—Grand High Priest.

Charles K. A. McGaughey—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—99, Membership—4,611, Gains—771.

The One Hundred and Thirty-third Annual Convocation was held at Louisville, on October 17th and 18th, 1950.

After the presentation of the flag, and the salute to same by the Companions, the Grand company of visitors was introduced and cordially welcomed by the Grand High Priest.

The report shows a busy year for the Grand Chapter Officials and from the photographs of the principal officials included in the annual report, it is easy to understand how the Companions through the Jurisdiction would look for their visits.

No foreign correspondence report.

No report from Grand Representatives.

Old Kentucky must feel sufficient unto themselves.

L.F.S.

LOUISIANA

Herman J. Duncan—Grand High Priest.

Lee W. Harris—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—51, Membership—7359, Gain—407.

The One Hundred and Second Grand Convocation held in New Orleans, February 15 and 16, 1949.

After an organ recital Grand Chapter was opened in due form by M. Ex. Comp. Duncan. Seventeen Past Grand High Priests and fifty-four Grand Representatives answered the roll-call and were formally received. From a beautiful Memorial to the memory of Past Grand High Priets Frank M. Milliken and Carey P. Duncan, we quote a verse from the well-known poem of William Allen White.—

"If I live a life that is clean and square,
And help my fellow man,
By lending a hand to help him bear
His burdens as best he can.
I need not fear what its close may be
Or how critics my life assail,
Nor what the future holds out for me
When I reach the end of the trail."

Distinguished visitors were legion and hailed from here, there and yonder. These included Earl E. Dusenbery, General Grand High Priest, representatives from Missouri, Arizona, Manitoba, Tennessee, Texas, Illinois, Oklahoma, and of all places Shanghai, China. Grand Lodge was represented by a strong delegation headed by M. Wor. Bro. D. Louis Butler, Grand Master. It is quite unnecessary to add that all were received and cordially welcomed.

Thirty-two pages of the proceedings are devoted to a record of the Grand High Priest's address. This provides interesting reading being free from banalities and the usual over-plus of platitudes, it narrates the year's work in a brilliant and convincing manner. Following his introductory remarks M. Ex. Comp. Duncan speaks with feeling of the Fraternal Dead after which he announces his appointments and official visits. These latter were indeed numerous and leave little doubt in the reader's mind as to the activity of the Grand High Priest in the performance of this necessary duty. Reference is made to the presentation of certificates to 25 of the 51 chapters as a reward for recording a gain in membership of 10 per cent or better. Dispensations were few and purely administrative. Among the decisions rendered reference is made to Dual Membership. This apparently is legal in Louisiana. Many Grand Chapters do not permit this although it is legal and quite common in Canada. This writer enjoys honorary membership in no less than twelve constituent chapters. Commissions were issued to eight Grand Representatives including W. B. Stothers of Canada, while appointments were made of eight other representatives near the Grand Chapter of Louisiana.

After a word of commendation for the splendid service rendered by the Grand Secretary and other Grand Chapter officers, M. Ex. Comp. Duncan concludes a commanding address with these words.—

> "Having reached the point where it is appropriate to write 'conclusion,' I find myself with many unused notes which had been kept for inclusion in this report, yet faced with the dilemma of having already prepared what seems to be much too lengthy a document to be appropriate. So, with mingled emotions, I beg my Companions to draw the broad mantle of charity over my shortcomings."

From a most eloquent report on Necrology we are constrained to extract the following.—

> "Oh valiant souls Be Strong; Build for a needy world your Best, and, just as sure as the sunlight follows the storms that best will gladden you."

> "Monuments of brass and stone pass with the years. The mountains wear away. Kingdoms and knowledge come and go. Language fades as centuries march most silently into the Past. Good deeds and Life Alone O'ertop Oblivion. 'Tis Thou and Thou Alone outlasts the wrecks of war and time while days doth Thee Afford a Little Space to Prove Thy Worth."

From the report of the Grand Treasurer we gather the following information. Receipts $13,191.00, expenditures $15,158.00, cash on hand $12,828.00 with investments totalling $25,700.00.

We always enjoy reading the comprehensive report of Grand Secretary Lee W. Harris. He elaborates on the standing of the subordinate chapters and paints a pen picture of general conditions throughout the jurisdiction. Since 1941 membership has shown an increase each year with the net gain for the year under review of 407, all of which speaks volumes for the activity of the Royal Craft in Louisiana.

When you wish something done right you give it to a busy man, hence the selection of Lee W. Harris as Fraternal Correspondent. His Foreword is brief but authoritative. We quote his opening comments.—

> "Do you enjoy a visit with your Companions?
> I do, and I have had a most enjoyable year visiting 68 Grand Chapters, in which I found 34 of our Grand Representatives present, 22 absent, and there were 2 about whom I could find no record.
> I found 62 Grand Chapters gaining in membership, with 2 showing a loss, and there were 4 where the records were not indicated."

To all of his remarks on the subject of Fraternal Reviews, we add our hearty endorsation.

Canada as usual is most capably reviewed with facts, figures and extracts and comments on our Grand Z.'s address. Comp. Harris deplores the fact that Louisiana was omitted from our last reviews, and while we plead guilty we offer as extenuating circumstances, the fact that the proceedings of Louisiana failed to reach us in time for inclusion. Under no other circumstances would we omit a review of our Southern friends.

We note the reference to the absence of Louisiana's Grand Representative and may say that illness prevented Bishop Seager from being very active Masonically. This distinguished clergyman died sometime ago and we feel sure that R. Ex. Comp. Stothers who assumed his position of Grand Representative will render faithful service to Louisiana.

A. L. Stephens was elected and installed Grand High Priest while Lee W. Harris continues as Grand Secretary. We must not overlook the high honor conferred upon Lee W. Harris. During the Convocation he was requested to retire and on his return he was informed, that he was elected Grand High Priest. After being installed in the chair he ruled Grand Chapter for a brief period and then turned the gavel over to the M. Ex. Comp. Stephens. Truly this was a richly deserved reward for services well rendered.

The Order of High Priesthood convened February 16, 1949.

John W. Armstrong is Canada's representative in Louisiana, while W. Bailie Stothers carries Louisiana's commission near our Grand Chapter.

MAINE

A. L. Hopkins—Grand High Priest.

Convers E. Leach—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—69, Membership—12,579, Gain—280.

The One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Annual Convocation was held in Portland May 2nd, 1950, with the Grand High Priest presiding.

Fifteen Past Rulers of Grand Chapter were present as also were forty Grand Representatives.

Distinguished guests from surrounding Grand Chapters were ushered in and formally presented. These included leaders of

Royal Arch Masonry from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Quebec, New Brunswick and Pennsylvania. From associate bodies we find a scintillating array of highly-placed Craftsmen representing the Grand Commandery, Grand Council, the General Grand Chapter and the Grand Lodge of Maine. These brethren and companions were welcomed with the established Grand Honors.

Reading the address of M. Ex. Comp. Hopkins one is impressed with the thought that it was definitely the product of a cultured mind, it being at once entertaining and enlightening.

We are constrained to quote from the introductory remarks as follows.—

> "There must be a standard of morals around which society can rally, and upon which men holding divers opinions can plant themselves without yielding those things which appertain to their theology. There is no better common ground on which to stand than the Mosaic pavement of Masonry; if each one of us so conducts his own daily life as to reflect to the world the high aims and ideals taught by the familiar symbols of Masonry and particularly the virtues of zeal, fidelity and affection peculiar to Royal Arch Masonry, that radiance will spread beyond the limits of our institution to lighten the path of many who have not been so fortunate as to receive the benefits of Free Masonry."

Speaking on the subject of "Condition of the Royal Craft," the Grand High Priest spoke encouragingly of present conditions using these words in his description of the constituent chapters.—

> "There is harmony, optimism, hope, ambition, zeal, fidelity, love, and affection."

After a graceful tribute to those who had passed to the Great Beyond during the past year, reference was made to the dispensations sought and granted to the various chapters. It is noted that many of these dispensations were to permit Public Installation of officers. This, by the way, is entirely foreign to procedure in Canada where such practice is not permitted. After dealing with appointments and other administrative matters, a detailed report on the Grand High Priest's visitations follow. These were many and from all accounts must have been productive of much good-will. This very fine address concludes with words of commendation for the efforts put forth by the Grand Secretary and other officers.

As noted in previous reviews, we find the published reports of all the senior officers provide an interesting pen picture of the year's activities.

The report of Grand Treasurer Arthur J. Floyd indicates a sound fiscal position with assets of $2,066.00 in cash, bonds $32,000.00 and stocks $34,567.00 making total assets $68,633.00.

From the Grand Secretary's report we learn that 695 new members were received and after losses through death and other causes the net gain in membership was 280.

M. Ex. Comp. John C. Arnold presented a beautiful report on "Memorials." This report as usual eloquent and impressive deals with the subject in a manner that intrigues this writer. We quote a few lines.—

> "Today the independence of no Republic is safe; liberty of no individual is secure. As long as Isms incite hatred and invite war there can be no security. The spirit of Brotherhood is being attacked and the challenge to 'Hold fast the Faith of our Fathers' is too frequently unheeded. A lack of devotion in discharge of Masonic duty is unlike the strong leadership of devoted votaries of the past. A militant paganism which not only prohibits the worship of God but denies there is a God is a challenge to every Mason."

The report on Correspondence by M. Ex. Comp. Henry R. Gillies carries a distinct appeal. His Foreword as usual attracts attention, from this Foreword we give you a short extract.—

> "Today the peoples of many lands look to the United States of America as the saviour of democracy and of the freedom of its peoples. A united Masonry from its financial resources is truly doing its part in a program of rehabilitation of the distressed."

Our Jurisdiction receives generous treatment with liberal references to our Grand Z.'s address, our Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund and our last review. We do appreciate all the nice things he has to say about our last Fraternal Review. May we say that it is always a distinct pleasure to review Maine and we congratulate M. Ex. Comp. Gillies on a review well up to his established high standard.

I. James Merry, was the choice of Grand Chapter for the exalted office of Grand High Priest, while as to be expected Convers E. Leach was re-elected and invested as Grand Secretary.

The Order of High Priesthood convened May 3, 1950.

Canada's representative in Maine is John G. Faas, while E. A. Cook has the honor of representing Maine near our Grand Chapter.

MANITOBA

E. E. Grant—Grand Z.

T. Sellar Cook—Grand Scribe E.

Chapters—16, Membership—1819, Gain—108.

The twenty-seventh Annual Convocation held in Winnipeg February 8th, 1950.

M. Ex. Comp. Grant opened Grand Chapter in Ample Form. Fourteen Past Grand First Principals were received with Honors. Forty-three Jurisdictions were represented by their duly accredited representatives. Our Grand Chapter answered the roll-call in the person of our very active representative M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Brownell.

Distinguished guests were introduced, these included leaders of the Royal Craft from Alberta, Saskatchewan and North Dakota. A strong delegation also was present from General Grand Chapter.

In the place of honor we find as fitting and proper the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba M. Wor. Bro. Harry Coddington. All of these prominent Craftsmen were formally welcomed, and received with the customary Grand Honors.

The address of M. Ex. Comp. Grant contains a full report on his stewardship. Not lengthy, but sufficiently comprehensive to provide the reader with a rather interesting pen picture of Royal Arch Masonry in Manitoba. After a warm fraternal greeting to all present he paid graceful tribute to the great loss sustained through the passing of four outstanding Royal Craftsmen—M. Ex. Comps. R. S. Jones, George Fraser, John J. Sinclair and W. M. Bentley. Appointments, dispensations and visitations are enumerated in detail. The Grand Z also refers to his pleasure in presenting Twenty-five Year Past Principal Certificates to a number of veterans of Royal Arch Masonry.

After expressing thanks to the Grand Scribe E, and other Officers for the splendid service rendered M. Ex. Comp. Grant concludes a sterling address with these words.—

> "Companions, may the Grand Architect abundantly bless you, one and all, and speed your work for Royal Arch Masonry in the weary world of today."

In perusing the report of the Grand Treasurer we note that income exceeded expenditures with total assets of $4,926.00.

From the Grand Scribe E's report we learn that fifteen Chapters recorded a gain in membership. It is noteworthy that in the Jurisdiction that there are 13,000 Master Masons, and but 1819 have advanced to the Royal Arch. Truly this provides a fertile field that should produce a fair crop of material, if properly approached.

The reports of the three Grand Superintendents provide interesting reading, and the following quotation from R. Ex. Comp. Bates of District No. 3 appears to sum up general conditions throughout the Jurisdiction.

> "It is but the summing up of what has been reported above, to say, that Royal Arch Masonry in District No. 3 is in an excellent state, there are no shadows on the horizon and I see nothing but promise for the years to come."

The report on the Fraternal Dead by Canon Goodeve is most impressive, beautifully phrased, indeed an eloquent tribute to the memory of those who have passed to the Great Beyond during the past year. We quote a line or two.—

> "When we are tempted to belittle our place in the world because of our obscure tasks, we must ever hold fast the fact that the Supreme Artificer needs the gifts of both the least and the greatest. The sweetest perfume is that of the lowly violet. The stars shine whether the sun or moon are visible or not. God made them all; each for his specific task."

M. Ex. Comp. Cecil J. Hutchings presented an interesting report on Education in which he refers to the "Third Conference of Canadian Grand Chapters."

We have enjoyed reading the inspirational address of General Grand High Priest Earl E. Dusenbery. He carries us through a historical sketch of Royal Arch Masonry, points out our duty to the unenlightened, and concludes with the following.—

> "And, regardless of what Rite, Degree or Masonic organization the Brother may belong to, he cannot complete his Craft Degrees and receive those secrets of a Master Mason until he petitions and receives the Royal Arch.'

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence by T. Sellar Cook is brief in the extreme, and conveys the information that the Proceedings of fifty-seven Grand Chapters had been received, and read with pleasure. We regret that Manitoba does not publish "Reviews."

E. I. Waller was elected, and installed as Grand Z, T. Sellar Cook continues as Grand Scribe E, an office which he appears to fill most efficiently.

As noted M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Brownell is our faithful representative in Manitoba, while R. Ex. Comp. F. W. Higginbottom of Toronto is Manitoba's representative near our Grand Chapter.

MASSSACHUSETTS

William F. Clark—Grand High Priest.

Raymond T. Sewall—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—97, Membership—23457, Gain—429.

Quarterly Convocation March 8th, 1949, M. Ex. Comp. Clark presiding after the opening exercises reports of the various committees were received and dealt with. Following a brief address by the Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form.

Quarterly held June 7, 1949 known as "Companionship Night." After the usual opening ceremonies, the Committee on By-Laws reported and their recommendations were formally approved. Our good friend M. Ex. Comp. Ralph W. Copeland was elected as Trustee of Funds to fill the vacancy due to the death of Past Grand High Priest Cushing.

From a beautiful "Memorial" to the memory of M. Ex. Comp. Cushing we learn, that he was most active in all branches of the Craft and in his passing Massachusetts lost one of the brightest jewels in Masonry's Crown. We tender sincere sympathies in the passing of this outstanding craftsman. From a heart-to-heart address by the Grand High Priest dealing with chapter officers and their responsibilities we quote his closing remarks.—

> "To summarize, if you want your young officers to develop an interest in Chapter work, keep them busy. If you want your Past High Priests to back you up in every endeavor, make them proud of you. If you want to fill your Chapter Room with happy, cooperative and enthusiastic members at every meeting, give them good work."

Quarterly September 13, 1949. Following the usual routine business a resolution in the nature of a surprise was presented and duly adopted. This surprise was the elevation of the Grand Secretary Raymond T. Sewall to the rank of an Honorary Past Grand

High Priest. This richly deserved honor was the more appreciated as it has not been the custom of Massachusetts to confer such honor and distinction in the past. In Canada we have on occasion followed established precedent in this regard but be assured the honor is well-deserved and not lightly conferred.

Annual Convocation held in Boston December 13, 1949. Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form after which prayer was offered by the Acting Grand Chaplain. Seven Past Grand High Priests and forty-four Grand Representatives were in attendance.

Honored guests were fraternally received and welcomed. These included leaders of the Royal Craft from Quebec, New Jersey, Maine, Virginia, Vermont, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Canada and the General Grand Chapter. Associate bodies were well represented. These included the following: Scottish Rite, Knights Templar, Grand Council and the basic body of Freemasonry the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. All were received with honors befitting their rank in Masonry.

From the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, we find that despite a heavy death loss of 668 the membership recorded a net gain of 429.

Finances appear sound with investments totalling $88,946.00.

The annual address of M. Ex. Comp. Clark was an eloquent and scholarly effort. He covered in detail the year's work and a perusal of this printed address gives the reader a very definite insight into the general activities of the Royal Arch in Massachusetts. After a warm, friendly and fraternal welcome to all present he pays graceful tribute to the Fraternal Dead quoting this beautiful thought poetically expressed.—

> "Beyond the sunset's golden bars,
> Beyond the twilight and the stars,
> Beyond the midnight and the dark.
> Sail on! Sail on! O happy barque,
> Into the dawn of that tomorrow,
> Where hearts shall find an end of sorrow,
> And love shall find its own."

He refers to District Chapters of Instruction, to chapter notices and the Order of High Priesthood. Like Canada membership in this Order while recommended is nevertheless not compulsory.

M. Ex. Comp. Clark spoke of the pleasure he had in presenting

Fifty Year Emblems to the Old Guard of Massachusetts. Many changes among the Corps of Grand Representatives are noted. Fraternal visits were many and varied. Reading the detailed report of these visitations, one is impressed with the thought that the Grand High Priest gave unstintingly of his time and talents in the performance of his very important phase of his duty. M. Ex. Comp. Clark concludes an inspiring address with these all-too-true words.—

> "Freemasonry is not a finished product. We are actively engaged in building it. If we glory in its traditions of the past, remember that we are making its traditions of the future. Its accomplishments have left us nothing if they have not given us the power, the knowledge and the determination to perform even greater things now. Speculative Masonry in its present form has been with us less than three hundred years, just a fleeting moment in the world's history. It is still in its formative years. It is in our hands for maintenance, development and improvement.
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> "Masonic office is an honour and a responsibility. There is no glory in incompetence or mediocrity. Almost any man's best is acceptable, but he who offers less underestimates our intelligence. Let each of us recognize that we are the Freemasonry of today, and the Freemasonry of tomorrow will be what we make it."

Following the election of officers William F. Clark was installed for his second term as Grand High Priest. Raymond T. Sewall was re-elected and invested as Grand Secretary.

The Convention of High Priests was held March 8, 1949.

It is with regret that we mention that Massachusetts is one of the few Grand Chapters, that does not publish a Fraternal Correspondence report.

Canada is represented in Massachusetts by Herman W. Bethe, while A. J. Stringer of Toronto carries Massachusetts commission near our Grand Chapter.

MISSOURI

Harold M. Jayne—Grand High Priest.

Ray V. Denslow—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—102, Membership—20658, Gain—695.

The One Hundred and Fourth Annual Convocation held in Columbia, April 25, 1950.

The Grand High Priest opened Grand Chapter in accordance

with the ritual of Missouri, after which prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain.

Sixteen Past Grand High Priests were presented, and introduced at the Altar. Grand Representatives to the number of forty-five answered the roll-call, and were officially greeted. Honored guests were present from Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma.

Other Grand bodies represented included Grand Council, Grand Commandery, General Grand Council, General Grand Chapter, and the Grand Lodge of Missouri. All received a warm welcome and were accorded Grand Honors.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a scholarly effort. It impresses this correspondent with the thought that M. Ex. Comp. Jayne gave generously of his time and talent in the performance of his official duties.

In his opening remarks dealing with the historical background both of the State and Freemasonry he has this to say.—

> "I sometimes feel that the present generation is prone to overlook the important part played in human affairs today by the foundations of character and virtue laid for us by our Companions of pioneer days. Those hardy Companions, lacking in material equipment and burdened with hardships that only our forefathers knew, struggled with pioneer vigor in the building of their homes and communities. To those Companions no burden was too heavy, no obstacle too great and the lessons of strength and fortitude, taught by their living, called for courage and determination in us to match theirs in spirit."

Dealing with our present way of life and world conditions he refers to the scientific development, the discovery of the power of the atom, and the violent and revolutionary events, which are taking place today. He closes this section with this thought.—

> "Our fraternity furnished much of the leadership and ideals that gave the world our nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to human rights under God. We now have the opportunity, in our day, to help furnish the leadership which shall determine if 'any nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure' and our efforts will be in direct proportions to the unselfishness with which our members embody in their daily lives the teachings of our institution."

Under the title of "Necrology" the Grand High Priest speaks sympathetically of the lamented deaths of Grand King Ernest P. Brinkman, Past Grand High Priest Willis A. McCullah, and other prominent Craftsmen.

He lists his appointments, dispensations and visitations, these latter were numerous and included visits to Chapters and other bodies, both within and beyond the borders of his Jurisdiction.

After a commentary on the assistance rendered by the Grand Secretary and other officers M. Ex. Comp. Jayne brings to a conclusion a most instructive and entertaining address with these words.—

> " 'The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few,' and from our human viewpoint there is so little time to accomplish the things we wish to do. We think of our problems in terms of years, or terms of office, but Freemasonry lives in terms of centuries and a number of our Chapters are already well on their second century. These Chapters, with new men and new leadership still continue to teach the age-old principles of Freemasonry which have, from generation to generation, continued to fill the need of each for truth and enlightenment, and lead each new generation to higher and nobler experiences."

The Grand Treasurer reports a cash balance of $17,099.00, investments of $104,660.00, with a fund of $4,600.00 in the Bublitz Foundation. This appeals to this correspondent as a very sound fiscal position.

The Grand Secretary's report is quite comprehensive, and contains much enlightening information. From the statistical record we note that despite 382 deaths and losses through other causes totalling 584 that the net gain in membership reaches the substantial figure of 695.

Among the resolutions presented to Grand Chapter was one to amend the By-Laws so that a petitioner for Royal Arch Degrees must petition and pay the fees for the degrees of the Crvptic Rite. This resolution failed of adoption. In our Jurisdiction the Cryptic degrees are separate and distinct from Royal Arch Masonry. It is not compulsory to become a member of the Cryptic Rite any more than it is compulsory for a Companian to seek advancement to the Templar body.

Under the caption of "The Capitular Year" Ray V. Denslow presents his Fraternal Review. This review is prefaced by a lengthy dissertation on various phases of Masonry, a comparison between American and foreign systems, a historical sketch of the different degrees and a sound comment on the duties of a Royal Arch Mason. Truly this Foreword is educational, and to a student of our fraternity should prove of genuine interest.

And now for the review proper—this as per usual practice is topically arranged. Our Canadian Conference attracts attention—reference is made to British Columbia's attitude toward the Conferences, while this is regrettable, nevertheless these conferences are a proved success. While our Grand Chapter is credited by the reviewer as taking the lead in establishing these conferences we are inclined to believe that interest in such a group was spontaneous. As far back as 1936 this writer as Grand Z. received suggestions from other Canadian Grand Chapters that such a plan would undoubtedly be well received throughout Canada—in any event the conference developed a few years later, and apparently carries the interest of Canadian Jurisdictions with the exception of our Companions from the sun-kissed coast of British Columbia.

Under Alberta we note a reference to our far-flung outpost in the Yukon Territory. It is true that another chapter is in the making. It is equally true that should there be two Chapters in the Yukon that neither can hope to be numerically strong, but we should remember that owing to the great distance a member has to travel to reach Dawson City a Chapter at Whitehorse will probably be a great convenience to many Companions, who desire to follow more closely Royal Arch Masonry.

Canada is mentioned again in connection with our 1957 Centennial, and also we find under Ontario in the Statistical section facts and figures as to membership and a reference to our Ottawa Convocation. We have read with interest Comp. Denslow's reviews of the various Grand Chapters.

Following the election of officers James P. Hull was duly installed as Grand High Priest, and was presented with a watch. As to be expected Ray V. Denslow continues as Grand Secretary. The retiring Grand Priest Harold Jayne was also presented with a watch.

As this correspondent gazes at his age-worn time-piece he becomes somewhat covetous, and is inclined to regret that his honors were not acquired in Missouri, and that he, too, might have shared in the presentation of watches. Springfield was selected as the next place of meeting.

Orson H. Swearingen is our faithful representative in Missouri, while William J. Tow carries Missouri's commission near our Grand Chapter.

MONTANA

Edwin Grafton—Grand High Priest.

Luther T. Hauberg—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—33, Membership—4016, Gain—224.

The Sixty-first Annual Convocation held in Missoula, June 13. 1950, with M. Ex. Comp. Grafton presiding.

After the opening ceremonies, a welcome was tendered Grand Chapter by the local companions following which honored guests were introduced and officially welcomed. These included an Excellent Companion from Alaska, the Grand First Principal of Alberta and the Grand Scribe of South Dakota.

The address of the Grand High Priest commands our attention. Not lengthy but decidedly interesting is our comment. After a gracious welcome to all present he spoke feelingly of the Fraternal Dead and quoted these lines.—

> "The sun goes down in its glory, the darkness descends on the land,
> But dawn comes quickly to cheer us, for time is a swift-running sand.
> Why, then, should man in his wisdom, forget in his moments of gloom
> That night gives birth to the morning, that dawn will be coming—and soon?"

After a reference to appointments and other official matters, he lists his visits to constituent chapters and to other Masonic bodies. Dispensations, decisions and recommendations are all fully covered and as they have reference to nothing beyond the routine and usual need no comment from this writer.

M. Ex. Comp. Grafton expressed his deep appreciation for the efforts of the Grand Secretary and other officers and concluded a fine address with these words.—

> "We are passing through troublesome times. Each day we seem to move from one crisis to another, through a fog of hate and suspicion. During a lifetime we have moved from the 'roaring twenties' through the 'distressing thirties' and the 'terrible forties' to the 'confusing fifties'. Through it all the still small voice of Masonry has been telling us to have faith in the final triumph of right and truth. Our faith tells us that, though truth may be crushed to earth it will rise again and the powers of evil will not prevail. Let us humbly and prayerfully strive to establish on earth the Masonic doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man to the end that the light of truth may penetrate into the darkest corners of the world."

From the Grand Treasurer's report we learn that income exceeded disbursements leaving a bank balance of $5,771.00 with investments totalling $15,000.00. The Grand Secretary's report is also interesting, the outstanding feature being an increase of 224 in membership. Twenty-six chapters recorded a gain, one no change and six reported a small loss. The roll-call of Grand Representatives revealed the fact that forty-two jurisdictions were represented by their regular commissioned Grand Representatives. We should mention also,that ten Past Grand High Priests of Montana were in attendance.

Honorary Life Membership was conferred upon a number of distinguished visitors includig M. Ex. Comps. H. E. Bentley and Melvin Downey of Alberta.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence is the product of a committee under the chairmanship of Ralph N. Lodge. The Foreword is intensely interesting and establishes the fact beyond a peradventure that no mistake was made in the selection of this committee. The opening comment being, "Oh man — what an assignment," and then they express doubt in their ability to follow in the footsteps of illustrious predecessors. This somewhat apologetic paragraph need not be taken too seriously as a perusal of the entire Foreword clearly indicates that the high standard of excellence so characteristic of Montana in nowise suffers by the change in writers. We should like to quote extensively but lack of space forbids, so we content ourselves with quoting the closing paragraph of this literary gem.—

> "Then let us look bravely and boldly to the future, with our eyes toward the rising sun of tomorrow and never backward to the setting suns of the yesterdays. Our vision will then be clear and our task in rebuilding the symbolic Temple will be light and not heavy, and ere long its majestic symbolic walls will rise heavenward, and the very music of the spheres will be paeans of praise to the Great Architect of the Universe."

But now what do they say of Canada. We find that we are relegated to the back of the book among the other "furriners." Well we cannot complain, no doubt, we are lucky to have ever been noticed.

Seriously, however, we find a brief summarization of our Ottawa Convocation with little of moment being overlooked. Thanks Comp. Lodge for a very fine review (of course in condensed form), also thanks for your graceful reference to our last

review. Congratulations on your first report, we shall look forward to hearing from you again.

Following the election of officers Dr. Ira W. Stam was elected and installed Grand High Priest. Luther T. Hauberg continues as Grand Secretary.

The Order of High Priesthood convened at the close of Grand Chapter.

Canada is represented in Montana by M. A. Averill while Charles W. Powers represents Montana near our Grand Chapter.

NEBRASKA

F. Plummer Martin—Grand High Priest.

Carl R. Greisen—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—47, Membership—6947, Gain—346.

The Eighty-third Annual Convocation held in Omaha December 8 and 9, 1949 with M. Ex. Comp. Martin presiding.

Following the opening ceremonies, prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain and the United States flag was placed by an escort of Knights Templar.

Nineteen Past Grand High Priests were seated in the East. No less than 52 Grand Representatives answered the roll-call, John McCune responding for Canada.

Distinguished guests hailed from the Grand Chapters of Iowa and South Dakota. Also present and officially welcomed were representatives of the Grand Council, Grand Commandery, the Scottish Rite and the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

The address of the Grand High Priest was a gem, eloquent, entertaining and informative. From his opening remarks we excerpt the following.—

> May we consider for a moment why we have Capitular Masonry. It is only a part but an important part of Masonry. The Most Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Mason is the fulfillment of the desire of many Masons for further light in Masonry. The ceremonies of this degree and the secrets revealed bring to Masons the climax of their Master Mason Degree. We cannot think of Capitular Masonry separate and apart from Ancient Craft Masonry upon which it is based and to which it is bound by the closest ties. When we think and talk of Royal Arch Masonry, we are thinking and talking Masonry in a broadened and extended sense. The best reason for the existence and continuation of Capitular Masonry is the contribution it offers toward making better Masons and better men."

These words of M. Ex. Comp. Martin merit our hearty though silent applause. After an impressive reference to the Fraternal Dead the Grand High Priest reported his official acts including his dispensations, these latter being purely routine. Visitations also were set forth in detail followed by decisions rendered during the year. It is interesting to note that one of these decisions had to do with the exaltation of nine brothers who desired to take the Royal Arch degree as a group. This surely was a family party. Recommendations included an amendment to the constitution to provide automatic suspension of all members delinquent for twelve months. Also recommended is a provision to establish a joint petition for the R.A. degrees and the Royal and Select Masters. This latter is entirely foreign to Canadian policy where the latter body is separate and entirely distinct from Grand Chapter. It is noteworthy, that the Committee on Jurisprudence failed to approve the Joint Petition and recommended that action on automatic suspension be referred to a special committee for report in 1950. While deploring the lack of interest in a number of chapters, the Grand High Priest referred to general conditions as satisfactory and spoke hopefully of the future. After a formal acknowledgment of the splendid service rendered by the Past and Present Grand Officers, M. Ex. Comp. Martin brings to a conclusion a very fine address.

The Grand Treasurer's report indicates a fairly strong financial position with cash on hand in the General Fund of $5,388.00, a Triennial Fund amounting to $5,588.00 and investments of $5,920.00.

Despite a relatively heavy loss through death, the Grand Secretary records a very successful year with a net gain in membership of 346.

M. Ex. Comp. Raymond C. Cook for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented a report which apparently was oral, as the details do not appear in the proceedings. We are quite interested in the report on the Nebraska Masonic Home. We congratulate our companions of Nebraska on the splendid humanitarian work which they are carrying on so successfully.

From a beautiful report on the Fraternal Dead we extract these lines.—

> "But it is hard to write of the death of a friend,
> Or portray the light of his smile,

But with all it implies we can lovingly tell
He was a man, a Mason and a friend worth while."

Bernard B. Harris was elected and installed Grand High Priest while Carl R. Greisen was re-elected and invested as Grand Secretary.

The Order of High Priesthood convened December 7th, 1950.

Nebraska is most capably represented in Canada by W. S. M. Enouy. Our representative in Nebraska as already noted is John N. McCune.

NEVADA

F. J. Gorman—Grand High Priest.

E. C. Peterson—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—9, Membership—754, Gain—42.

The Seventy-seventh Annual Convocation was held in Ely, June 6, 1950.

Grand Chapter was opened in full form, and with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Ex. Comp. Stanley D. Sundeen being called upon by the Grand High Priest delivered an eloquent tribute to the Flag.

Five Past Grand High Priests and Thirty-eight Grand Representatives were in attendance.

A number of distinguished guests were also in attendance and were formally introduced and fraternally welcomed. These included a delegation from California headed by Grand High Priest Carl R. Moore, who had as an escort two Past Grand High Priests and representatives of the Scottish Rite and Knights Templar. The Grand Master of Grand Council and M. Wor. Bro. W. T. Baker, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, were also fittingly received and escorted to the East.

We have thoroughly enjoyed a perusal of the Grand High Priest's address. It covers his official acts and leaves with the reader some sound logic on our responsibilities as members of the Masonic Order.

After a friendly welcome to all present the Grand High Priest paid tribute to the memory of Past Grand High Priest Henry W.

Miles, after which the Grand Chaplain was asked to conduct a Memorial Service. This was beautifully worded and most impressive. Following this service M. Ex. Comp. Gorman continued his address by enumerating his visitations and dispensations. Among his recommendations are two which appear to this correspondent as unusual, or at least unusual when compared with Masonic procedure in Canada. He recommends that Chapters and Lodges hold joint installations. In our Jurisdiction installation ceremonies are held behind tiled doors and it would be rather difficult to arrange joint installations in Canada. However, if it were possible we can see quite an advantage in the suggestion. The second suggestion is one to arrange with the Grand Council and Grand Commandery to join in the printing of the annual proceedings of all three Bodies. We notice that a few Grand Chapters follow the plan, but these are very much in the minority. M. Ex. Comp. Gorman under "State of Craft" spoke hopefully of the future and concludes this section with the following.—

> "I think we should all remember that our Craft is based upon Good work, True work and Square work. A Chapter, like a business, will succeed or fail according to the effort made by the leaders."

After gratefully acknowledging the assistance rendered by the Grand Secretary and others the Grand High Priest brings to a close a splendid adress.

Finances in Nevada appear healthy if one is to judge from the Grand Treasurer's report. We note that the cash balance amounts to $1,785.00, with investments of $2,000.00, and a Savings account of $329.00.

The Grand Secretary's report is equally interesting, the highlight being an increase in membership of 42, and this despite some 28 deflections due to death and other causes.

The address of Grand Orator Frank Woodliff is a literary epic, and fairly scintillates with gems of though and lofty ideals. We quote two paragraphs from this magnificent oration.—

> "Today we do not know which way to turn. Class strife is at a dangerous point. Religion is neglected, and in many cases disowned. Intolerance sweeps the world and manifests itself in many localities by violent outbreaks and acts of violence. Selfishness destroys all love for humanity and thought of equality. Never has there been a time in history when the world was in such need of the beneficent theories and principles of Masonry as it is today."

"In the field of religion and religious tolerance Masonry has always had and continues to have a valuable contribution to humanity. No person familiar with the Masonic ritual can doubt the religious significance of the Masonic order. The ritual and teachings of Masonry are based on religion but not on any one particular religion. Instead, each and every religion which teaches men to be good and true, honorable and honest is not only acceptable but wins support of Masons who believe in the faith as expressed by the teachings of the Bible."

Charles A. Carlson Jr. was elected and duly installed as Grand High Priest, while Edward C. Peterson continutes as Grand Secretary.

Canada is represented in Nevada by Carl Dodge, while Bishop Jos. Lofthouse represents Nevada near our Grand Chapter.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Most Excellent First Grand Principal William R. Fiske presided at the Sixty-Second Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick on the twenty-third day of June, 1949. He extended a warm welcome to his distinguished guests, amongst whom was our own Grand First Principal C. M. Pitts, who was the Guest Speaker at the Banquet taking as his topic, "The Philosophy of Royal Arch Masonry." Later, M. E. Comp. Pitts was honoured by being elected to Honourary Membership in the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick.

We note an interesting history: From 1887 to 1890 the Principal Officers of this Grand Chapter were known as First Grand Principal, Deputy Grand Principal and Second and Third Grand Principals. From 1891 to 1931 they were known as Grand High Priest, Dep. Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe. Since 1931, as First, Second and Third Grand Principal.

Grand First Principal Fiske gave a full account of his year's activities and had this to say about Grand Superintendents, "The Grand First Principal when selecting his Superintendents should take care in his selection, appointing members who can devote the time and have the ability to fill the office. He should see they have the proper instruction and are well acquainted with the work."

He referred to the Conference of Grand Chaptrs but 'would like to see at least two more of such conferences before making a decision as to the benefits of such greetings.' A detailed report

was made by Representative Crawford, and the First Grand Principal would be satisfied, by now, that these Conferences are worth while.

New Brunswick does not publish a review of the proceedings of other Grand Chapters. M. E. Companion Fiske suggested "that the Grand Chapter give consideration to the possibility of its doing so, even if such review covered Canadian Grand Chapters only."

A progressive act of Legislation was passed at this Grand Convocation:

1. That every member admitted to membership after this date of June 23rd, 1949, must remain a member in good standing of a Craft Lodge.

2. Any member of a Royal Arch Chapter who has been declared suspended for non-payment of dues or other cause in a Masonic Craft Lodge shall ipso facto stand suspended in his Chapter.

3. Any member of a Royal Arch Chapter who demits or has demitted from a Masonic Craft Lodge shall (unless he is in good standing in another Craft Lodge) after one year from the date thereof ipso facto stand suspended in his Chapter until he reinstates his membership in a Craft Lodge.

Other Grand Chapters may well consider the efforts of our Companions in New Brunswick to knit more closely our Symbolic and Capitular bodies.

An increase in membership and finances is noted. Our Representative near the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick was not present at this Convocation. Most Excellent Companion Laurence R. Colpitts was elected First Grand Principal, and the next place of meeting is to be Edmunston. Edgar W. Mair of Woodstock, represents New Brunswick near our Grand Chapter.

J.M.B.

NEW BRUNSWICK

L. R. Colpitts—First Grand Principal.

Roy E. Crawford—Grand Scribe E.

Chapters—11, Membership—1274, Gain—70.

The Sixty-third Annual held in Edmundston, June 22nd, 1950 with M. Ex. Comp. Colpitts on the Throne.

Five Past Grand Z's and twelve Grand Representatives answered the roll-call. We note with regret the absence of our Grand representative.

Following the formal opening of Grand Chapter, Divine Service was conducted by Rev. N. Franchetti. This service provides interesting reading and if space permitted, we should like to quote generously from it. An explanatory reference to the ancient Book of Ecclesiastes is most educational. We give a brief extract from this beautiful dissertation on a theme so well known to members of the Masonic fraternity.

> "There are TWO IMAGES that come before us here. In the Temple in the midst of the City, there is the SACRED LAMP of SOLID GOLD, suspended by Silver chains from the ceiling, while the LIGHT which the LAMP keeps burning shines in the SANCTUARY.
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> NIGHT and DAY the LAMP BURNS steadily on, and to this is compared the FLAME of VITAL FORCE continuing to burn in the DOOR of the TEMPLE, the WIND rushes under the ROOF and the Silver Chain SNAPS and the Bowl is dashed on the MARBLE PAVEMENT, and the LIGHT goes OUT."

The address or sermon as it should be termed concludes with a quotation from the immortal poem "The Builders," following which the assembly arose and sang "God Save the King."

Among the visitors received and greeted with Grand Honors was Allen L. Curtis, Past Grand High Priest of Maine, and Provincial Grand Prior Wallace R. Rodd representing the Knights Templar.

The reports of the three Grand Superintendents give a clear-cut picture of general conditions throughout the jurisdiction.

We have perused with more than passing interest the splendid but brief address of the Grand Z. After a gracious welcome to all in attendance, M. Ex. Comp. Colpitts dealt sympathetically with the subject of Necrology closing this section with the following.—

> "Beautiful life is that whose span
> Is spent in duty to God and man.
> Beautiful calm when the course is won,
> Beautiful death with a life well done."

After a reference to appointments and an enumeration of his dispensations, the Grand Z launched into a detailed report of his visitations, and closed an appealing address with a word of thanks to all who during the year had been of assistance to him.

Among the resolutions presented and approved by Grand Chapter, we note one to establish the appointment of a Grand Chaplain who will rank next in line to the Grand Principal Sojourner.

M. Ex. Comp. Crawford was appointed official delegate to the next Annual Conference of Canadian Grand Chapters.

From the report of the Grand Scribe E, we learn that the gross increase in membership was 106 with losses of 36 through death and other causes making a net gain of 70 members. This was the greatest gain in a number of years which speaks well for conditions in our Sister Province. It is, also, noteworthy that during 1949 not one suspension for N.P.D. is recorded. Surely this is a record of which to be proud.

From the Fiscal Report we suggest that the finances of Grand Chapter are sound with total assets of $4,183.61.

M. Ex. Comp. Crawford presented a report on the proceedings of the Conference of Canadian Grand Chapters. He provides this interesting information of membership in Canadian Grand Chapters, Alberta—2,334, Canada—19,213, Manitoba—1,711, New Brunswick—1,204, Nova Scotia—2,053, Quebec—2,825, Saskatchewan—2,427. As British Columbia was not represented he was unable to give the membership of that Grand Chapter.

We appreciate his reference to the untimely and totally unexpected death of M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, who since the formation of the Conference has acted as "Secretary."

We learn that New Brunswick has adopted our pamphlets entitled "Manual Instructions" and "Manual for Grand Chapter Officers."

C. Leonard Jenkins was elected and duly installed as Grand Z, Roy E. Crawford continues as Grand Scribe E.

Our jurisdiction is represented in New Brunswick by Edgar W. Mair while John W. Plewes performs a similar duty for New Brunswick near our Grand Chapter.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Alfred H. White—Grand High Priest.

J. Melvin Dresser—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—26, Membership—3662, Gain—89.

The One Hundred and Thirty-first Annual Convocation held in Concord, May 16, 1950.

Grand Chapter was opened in due form with prayer by the Grand Chaplain and the presentation of the National Colors at the altar.

Seven Past Grand High Priests and thirty Grand Representatives answered the roll-call. Alfred H. White responded for Canada. Among the distinguished guests ushered in and formally introduced were representatives of the Grand Chapters of Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Maine, Connecticut and New York. Associate bodies, also represented were the Knights Templar, Royal and Select Masters, the General Grand Chapter and the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire in the person of M. Wor. Bro. Gordon A. Conboy, Grand Master. It would be superfluous to add that all were fraternally welcomed and received with Grand Honors.

The address of M. Ex. Comp. White attracts our attention, its composition being at once enlightening, complete and eloquently expressed.

After a friendly welcome to all in attendance M. Ex. Comp. White paid homage to the memory of those for whom the brittle thread of life had been severed during the past year. Special reference was made to the lamented death of M. Ex. Comp. Frank N. Graves, P.G.H.P. and other well beloved craftsmen. This section closes with the following beautiful thought poetically expressed.—

> "They never quite leave us, the friends who have passed
> Through the shadow of death to the sunlight above,
> A thousand sweet memories are holding them fast
> To the places they blest with their presence and love."

Visitations were fully set forth in detail and covered visits both within and beyond the confines of his own jurisdiction. Dispensations, other official acts and appointments also were incorporated into the address. Under "State of the Order" the Grand High Priest spoke at some length on general conditions and informed his companions that Royal Arch Masonry in the jurisdictions was in a satisfactory, indeed a healthy condition. After a commentary on the splendid work of the Grand Secretary and other officers the address concludes with the following.—

> "I will close with one more quotation, this one from Confucious:
> "To be able everywhere one goes to carry five things into practice constitutes virtue. They are courtesy, magnanimity, sincerity, earnestness and kindness. With courtesy you avoid insult, with magnanimity you will win all, with sincerity men will trust you, with earnestness you will have success and with kindness you will be fitted to command others."

A very fine and impressive address in the opinion of this correspondent.

The senior officers in New Hampshire all present a published report which we find intensely interesting. From the Grand Treasurer we learn that finances are in a sound position with receipts in excess of disbursements and a cash balance of $4,805.00.

From the Committee on Returns we find that all chapters were represented at the Annual Convocation, that the number of candidates exalted together with affiliations and restorations totalled 202 with losses through death and other causes of 113 leaving a net increase in membership of 89.

New Hampshire does not publish a Fraternal Review, the report on Correspondence being disposed of in twenty words.

Raymond B. Lakeman was elected and installed as Grand High Priest. J. Melvin Dresser continues as Grand Secretary.

The Order of High Priesthood convened May 16, 1950.

New Hampshire is represented in Canada by N. M. Sprague while Canada is ably represented in New Hampshire by Alfred H. White.

NEW JERSEY

William Beck—Grand High Priest.

Charles D. McCracken—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—54, Membership—9367, Gain—131.

The Ninety-third Annual Convocation was held in Trenton, May 10, 1950 and was opened in Form by M. Ex. Comp. Beck following which the Lord's Prayer was sung by R. Ex. Comp. J. Schaem and all joined in singing the National Anthem.

The Grand High Priest had the support of Eleven Past Rulers of Grand Chapter. Fifty Grand Jurisdictions were present in the persons of their Grand Representatives. Dr. Godfrey Pittis responded for Canada.

Many visitors were in attendance. These included delegations from the Grand Chapters of Delaware, Maine, Rhode Island, Virginia, New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. Also present were prominent craftsmen from the Scottish Rite, General Grand Chapter, Grand Council and the Knights Templar. Headed by

M. Wor. Bro. F. E. Pellegrin, Grand Master, a numerous retinue of officers and Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey were formally received. The distinguished guests were fraternally greeted and extended a warm welcome.

The address of the Grand High Priest was inspiring, informative and decidedly interesting. From his introductory remarks we excerpt the following.—

> "We have again been blessed with a year of peace although there has been much unrest throughout the world and rumors and propaganda have given rise to many misgivings. Let us here, in this great liberty-loving land of ours, resolve to continue to do all in our power to extend to all mankind that brotherly love and affection which is the Great Landmark of our Fraternity."

After a brief but eloquent tribute to the Fraternal Dead, the Grand High Priest then launched into an account of his many visitations, both within and beyond the borders of New Jersey. Dispensations were comparatively few and unimportant. Appointments and presentation of twenty-five and fifty year certificates were announced. Interesting information appears under the caption of "Condition of the Rite." A comparison of membership as between Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter is worthy of note. In 1949 the membership of Grand Lodge, who were also members of the Royal Arch was 10.3 per cent of the Grand Lodge total. During the year Grand Lodge recorded a gain of six per cent, while Grand Chapters gain was five per cent. Grand Chapter in New Jersey has a field of 83,008 Master Masons upon which to draw future membership. After a well earned tribute to the splendid work of Grand Secretary McCracken, the Grand High Priest closed a magnificent address with these words.—

> "My successor in this beloved Fraternity will take up the challenge and he, too, will find that a year is just a fleeting moment in eternity."
> "And may "the Peace of God, which passeth all understanding" guide my successor to unprecedented triumphs in the adminstration of the affairs of our Grand Royal Arch Chapter, whose motto bespeaks our aims, "Holiness to the Lord."

As usual our good friend Dr. Pittis presented a most eloquent and impressive report on Necrology. He closes with the well-known and well beloved lines.—

> "Rise up, O men of God,
> Have done with lesser things,
> Give heart, and soul, and mind and strength,
> To serve the King of Kings.

Rise up, O men of God,
His kingdom tarries long;
Bring in the day of brotherhood
And end the night of wrong."

According to the report of the Grand Treasurer, receipts were well in advance of expenditures with a cash balance of $7,841.63 with investments worth $13,337.00.

From the Grand Secretary we learn that notwithstanding a heavy death rate of 208 and 95 suspensions, the net increase in membership was 131 as compared with 183 for the previous year.

We find in the report on the "Doings of Grand Officers" a commentary on world conditions, which provides much reader interest but let us quote a paragraph.—

"The presence of Communism in the world faces us with an entirely different set of problems from those with which our Revolutionary forefathers had to contend. We were the revolutionaries of those days and because our ideas were powerful we carried the world before us. Today the dynamic revolutionary movement is in the hands of others and it is sweeping many countries with its ruthless force. We, as Masons, must take a definite stand. It is vital to the welfare of our people and we think that we can clarify our understanding of this amazing movement if we remember that Communism as a doctrine does preach the idea of human equality. It appeals to the oppressed and hungry peoples of all lands who think that they see in it a promise that they will be no longer oppressed and will receive under Communism the same equal treatment as everybody else. In their misery and despair the Communist doctrine spreads before them a vision which is the very reverse of their unhappy experience—the vision of a so-called classless society in which all men are equal. This does not stem from the idea of equality itself, it stems from the fact that equality which Communism preaches, omits the proposition that all men are creatures of one God."

To all of which this writer breathes a fervent Amen.

New Jersey is one of the very few larger Grand Chapters that does not furnish a published review of other jurisdictions.

Raymond B. Holtz was elected and duly installed as Grand High Priest, M. Ex. Comp. McCracken, of course, continues as Grand Secretary.

The Order of High Priesthood convened May 9, 1950.

As already has been noted Dr. Godfrey Pittis ably represents Canada in New Jersey and having regard for his rgular attendance at the convocations of both New Jersey and Canada, we suggest that he might well have emblazoned on his banner "Semper Fidelis." New Jersey is represented in Canada by A. D. McIntyre of Toronto.

NEW MEXICO

Russell G. Bird—Grand High Priest.

Lloyd B. Johnson—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—13, Membership—2099, Gain—135.

The Fifty-second Annual Convocation held at Roswell, May 16, 1949, Grand Chapter was opened in due form with six Past Grand High Priests and twenty-two Grand Representatives in attendance.

The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mexico with an escort of his officers headed the honored guests. Grand Council and the Grand Commandery also were well represented. A fraternal greeting was extended to the visitors.

The address of the Grand High Priest was brief in the extreme, yet in a short space he provided information that was factual, interesting and illuminative. From the opening remarks we quote.—

> "On every hand we hear of the problems facing the world today, from every radio report, from the daily newspapers, from the man on the street, from every side, we hear of the difficulties of the times. These we do not deny. It is rather for us as a great fraternal order to put forth every effort to overcome these difficulties. For the greater the difficulties, and the more numerous the problems of the world, the greater is the challenge to us and the greater are our opportunities for service".

Tribute was paid to the memory of M. Ex. Comp. A. C. Price and other Companions whose deaths brought sadness to their colleagues of Royal Arch Masonry.

After listing his various appointments, the Grand High Priest enumerated his visits to constituent chapters and other branches of Masonry. Dispensations were few in number and all of an administrative character. The address concludes with a word of thanks to all who during his term of office had been helpful to M. Ex. Comp. Bird.

From the Grand Treasurer we learn that receipts exceeded disbursements with a cash balance of $4,890.00, a Masonic Home Fund of $6,518.00 and investments of $27,700.00.

The Grand Secretary's report indicated considerable activity with a net increase in membership of 135.

Rueben Perry as per usual presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence and it was well up to his established high standard. His Foreword was unusually brief and after listing the jurisdictions

reviewed, closed with the terse but all-too-true comment, "The world needs Masonry as much today as ever in the past."

Let us turn to his review of our Grand Chapter and see what he has to say about Canada. A perusal of this review clearly indicates that Comp. Perry had carefully read the proceedings of our 1948 Convocation. Full coverage is given to all of our activities with brief extracts from our Grand Z.'s address. He expresses regret that New Mexico did not find a place in our last review and we feel that we should say, that this was entirely due to our not having received the proceedings of his Grand Chapter in time for inclusion.

Many thanks Comp. Perry for a very fine and friendly review of Canada.

Following the election of officers Clyde L. Backenstoss was installed as Grand High Priest. Lloyd B. Johnson was re-elected Grand Secretary, while Santa Fe was selected as the next place of meeting.

Canada's representative in New Mexico is William L. Ranville, while Frank A. Copus carries New Mexico's commission near our Grand Chapter.

NEW MEXICO

Clyde L. Backenstoss—Grand High Priest.

Lloyd B. Johnson—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—13, Membership—2,170, Gain—71.

The Fifty-Third Annual Convocation was held at Santa Fe on May 15th, 1950.

After formal opening, the reception was held to the past Grand High Priests and to Grand Representatives. M. Ex. Comp. William L. Ranville represented Canada.

The photograph of the M. Ex. Grand High Priest which adorns the report, made this reviewer say, "this man will do things" and his report shows that he certainly lived up to his photograph.

One of his problems was that Master Masons were compelled to apply to Chapters over one hundred miles from their place of residence to obtain membership in the Royal Crafts and that did

not make for successful attendance at Chapter Meetings. At one time there had been eighteen Chapters in this jurisdiction, which was down to thirteen, then was down to twelve, one Chapter having recently surrendered its Charter. Despite the tremendous distances to be covered in his Jurisdiction, the High Priest started out on a personal visit to every Chapter, and the result could be seen before the end of his year had arrived.

The statements of the Grand Treasurer shows the Grand Chapter in splendid condition.

There was no foreign correspondence report as there had been years before.

Frank A. Copus who is prominent in all Masonic bodies, represents New Mexico in our Chapter.

L.F.S.

NEW YORK

Charles Samson—Grand High Priest.

Carl G. Wilhelms—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—213, Membership—35,982, Gain—598.

The One Hundred and Fifty-third Annual Convocation held in Albany, February 7, 1950.

Grand Chapter was opened by M. Ex. Comp. Samson in due form with prayer by R. Ex. Comp. Rev. Charles D. Broughton, Grand Chaplain. Seventeen Past Grand High Priests were in attendance while forty-three Grand Jurisdictions were represented by their duly accredited representatives. It is needless to say that the ever-faithful Clifford A. McDonald responded for our Grand Chapter. As per usual visitors were legion representing associate bodies and sister jurisdictions. These included Quebec, Nova Scotia, Delaware, New Jersey, Michigan, Indiana, Maine, New Hampshire, Ohio, Virginia, Vermont, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania and Canada. Delegations also from the Red Cross of Constantine, Grand Council, Grand Commandery, the Scottish Rite, General Grand Chapter and in the place of honor the basic body of Masonry, the Grand Lodge of New York. It would indeed be superfluous to say that all were cordially welcomed and received with honors befitting their station and rank in Masonry.

The address of M. Ex. Comp. Samson was eloquent and inspirational. He gave a complete and comprehensive report on his year's work all of which provides interesting reading. After a friendly greeting to all present he spoke sympathetically of the honored dead concluding this reference with this poetic gem.—

> "Farewell dear Voyageur—the river winds and turns,
> The cadence of your song wafts near to us;
> And now you know the thing all men learn:
> There is no death—there's Immortality."

After recommending an appropriation of one thousand dollars for charitable purposes, he enumerated his many dispensations, and announced appointments to the Corps of Grand Representatives. He listed the veterans to whom Fifty Year Certificates were presented, also those entitled to certificates of merit. Twenty-six pages of the address are devoted to a detailed record of his numerous visitations which included those within and beyond the boundaries of his own Grand Chapter. We note with pleasure his reference to his visit to Canada and stated that the dignity of the occasion was most remarkable. Just here let me say that in Canada we believe in dignity on all Masonic occasions. We feel that dignity is an essential on such occasions. Referring to the Tuberculosis Relief Fund, he stated that $4,281.00 had been subscribed from constituent chapters during the year. He also spoke of the forth-coming Royal Arch Sunday, to be held as usual in the Church of the Messiah under the direction of the Grand Chaplain, R. Ex. Comp. Broughton. We note that two, if not three, new chapters are definitely projected, while one chapter whose charter was surrendered ten years ago has been rejuvenated and has applied to have the charter restored.

This correspondent is somewhat amazed to learn from the Grand High Priest that many chapters use postal cards as chapter notices, while others use a small advertisement in local papers. Still others combine with other branches of Masonry in sending out summonses, all of which is foreign to procedure in Canada, where extraneous matter in the summons is not approved, and all such notices must be sent out in sealed envelopes.

M. Ex. Comp. Samson spoke on the subject of public installation of officers. He stated that no provision for or against this practice appeared in the constitution and as he did not favor such practice he suggested legislation to forbid such procedure. The

Grand High Priest is a statistician. As evidence we find his address studded with statistical tables recording the percentage of Royal Arch to Master Masons in the various States and Provinces, all of which is intensely interesting. Among his recommendations is one to provide pensions or some form of Social Security for employees of Grand Chapter.

From the concluding remarks of M. Ex. Comp. Samson, we extract the following,—

> "God willing, I hope to continue an active interest in Masonry if only because I am convinced it is the one great principle of brotherhood in the Fatherhood of God,—such as Masonry teaches—by which peace can be restored to this world. And is there anything of which we are more in need today? We have all seen a little lift of the Iron Curtain recently. Let us pray it may lead to a rift which will let the effulgence of God's sunshine again brighten this world with peace and plenty."
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> "Then let us pray, there'll come a day
> (As come it will, for a' that)
> When man to man the world o'er
> Shall brothers be, and a' that."

Truly a magnificent address the reading of which has given this correspondent much pleasure.

We regret that our limited space prevents generous quotations from the marvellous address of the Grand Lecturer. However, we must find space fo ra meagre extract or two.—

> "Often the question has been asked, "Why is it necessary to go beyond Symbolic Masonry in order to obtain the "Master's Word?" The answer is as simple as it is true. Because as nature holds back her secrets until mankind has proven itself worthy to receive them, so Masonry does the same."
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> "Emerson once said, in effect, what we want, pay for it, and take it. Win it, earn it, achieve it, and we receive it. Otherwise we should not be ready for it, much less know how to use it. The purpose of Symbolic Masonry, to my mind, is to prepare each brother for the "Great Attainment" about which we speak in Royal Arch Masonry."

As we scan the report of the Grand Treasurer, we are impressed by the sound fiscal position of Grand Chapter. A General Fund of $30,119.00, a Permanent Fund of $165,371.00 with a special Fund for Tuberculosis Relief amounting to $143,200.00, or a total in assets of $355,715.00 gives the financial aspect of Grand Chapter.

From the splendid report of the Grand Secretary, we note that despite losses from various causes of 1495 the membership roll shows a healthy increase of 598.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is again the product

of the facile pen of M. Ex. Comp. Charles J. Wells. From a thought-provoking Foreword we extract the opening paragraph to which we heartily subscribe.—

> "Masonic orators have waxed eloquent in their diagnosis of the ills of the Craft. Just this side of an apoplectic stroke they conclude with these words. 'What Masonry needs is not more men in Masonry, but more Masonry in men.' In spite of this half truth there still remains the need of having men to put Masonry into, and putting Masonry into men is a far more complicated process than the mere wave of the hand."

M. Ex. Comp. Wells writes his Foreword under the title of "One Million Royal Arch Masons" and makes out a good case for the need of such an objective. He concludes with the following.—

> "The need of these million and more ardent Royal Arch Craftsmen will continue until the Temple of our endeavors is completed and dedicated, and the "Crowning Glory" of Royal Arch Masonry is known and reverenced throughout the world. Then, to the Quarries, Companions! We have been waiting long enough!! Capitular Masonry is on the move!!
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> "The NEW AGE stands as yet
> Half built against the sky,
> Open to every threat
> Of storms that clamor by,
> Scaffolding veils the walls
> And dim dust floats and falls,
> As, moving to and fro, their tasks
> The MASONS ply."

His review of Canada is a masterly effort. He quotes liberally from our Grand Z.'s address, refers to the percentage of Royal Arch Masons in relation to our Grand Lodge membership and concludes with an extract from our last review. Thanks Comp. Wells for a complete and friendly review of Canada.

Following the election of officers A. Elmo Cole was installed as Grand High Priest, our old friend Bob Donovan (excuse the familiarity) was installed as Deputy Grand High Priest, while of course, Carl G. Wilhelms continues as Grand Secretary.

Canada is ably represented in New York by Clifford A. McDonald, while Past Grand Z. John M. Burden of Toronto is New York's energetic representative near our Grand Chapter.

NEW ZEALAND

H. Campbell—First Grand Principal.

E. Cannons—Grand Scribe E.

Chapters—81, Membership—6,033, Gain—251

The Fifty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter was held at Wellington, February 22, 1950 and opened in ample form by M. E. Comp. Herbert Campbell. His address was concise and inspiring. He said "We again have an increase in our membership, which indicates increased interest in Royal Arch Freemasonry, an increased interest that will deepen and broaden our knowledge and interest in the whole Masonic Structure. The prosperity of the Royal Arch means the prosperity of Freemasonry in general. I like to see flourishing records in membership, so long as we get the right class of members and we fulfill our duties to exaltees. Our responsibility is to see that they are instructed in every branch of Masonic knowledge and to make sure that they are fully qualified to share their responsibilities in the Order to which we admit them. So long as we keep that in view, I do not see that we can have too many Royal Arch Masons."

The reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Scribe E indicate a most healthy condition throughout the Jurisdiction and those of the Grand Superintendents throw most interesting light in the progress being made in Capitular Masonry. Chapters we urged to confer the Ark Mariner and Red Cross degrees which do not come under the Jurisdiction of our Grand Chapter, and also the degrees existing between the several constitutions, th English, Scottish and of the Cryptic Rite. Frequent reference is made to the harmony existing between the several Constitutions the English, Scottish and Irish in addition to the Supreme Grand Chapter of New Zealand all working in the same Districts of that Dominion.

The whole Proceedings as published make an extremely readable and comprehensive record of the Annual Convocation and the year's work, the Report of the Supreme Committee and its resolutions being dealt with verbatim. It was interesting to note that the constitution was amended to provide that Chapters joining New Zealand from other Constitutions might do so without impairment of the Companions former privileges in their Craft affiliations by requiring them to be contributing members of the Lodge of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, before holding certain offices or receiving certain degrees.

The whole record is one of harmony and efficiency.

The election of officers resulted in the installation of Dr. Lancelot John Hunter as First Grand Principal. His address on assuming

office was direct and incisive, diagnosing the ills of our present day systems and standards of Government, as compared with the pattern laid down for our instruction in the Volume of the Sacred Law, and setting forth the challenge of spiritual versus material values, and the Royal Arch Mason's answer to subversive appeals, in the adapted words of the "Sailor's Prayer"—

> "Correct us in our judgment, O Lord, and incline us always toward our duty, that we may be a security and a safeguard to all who pass upon their lawful occasions."

We note with pleasure that our Grand Representative Rt. E. Comp. N. B. Spencer, P. G. Reg. conveyed our salutations on this occasion. Rt. Ex. Comp. Dr. J. Austin Evans ably represents New Zealand in our Grand Chapter.

R. E. Comp. E. Cannons was again elected Grand Scribe E.

C.M.P.

NORTH CAROLINA

Leon Godown—Grand High Priest.

Millard F. McKeel, P.G.H.P.—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—37, Membership—6,438, Gains—388è

The One Hundred and Twenty-Seventh Annual Convocation held at Durham, on May 10th, 1949.

After the usual formal openings and presentation, the Grand High Priest delivered a forthright account of his labours during the past year.

We quote from his address as follows:

> "From reports coming to me from various sections of the state, and from personal observation in some instances, I find that Capitular Masonry in North Carolina continues on the up-grade. That most of the Chapters are enjoying increases in membership is most heartening. More important, in my opinion, is the fact that members of the Royal Craft throughout this Grand Jurisdiction are showing more enthusiasm and keener interest in the work of their respective Chapters. This has been a source of great inspiration during the year."

We were struck by the tribute to the Grand Secretary and cannot refrain from quoting:

> "As for attempting to evaluate the wonderful service rendered by Most Excellent Companion Millard F. McKeel, our Grand Secretary, mere words are empty. If I were to say he was the guiding spirit, it would not be an exaggeration.

To have taken over his duties under conditions as he found them, would would have disheartened any ordinary person. Millard, however, went about the business of bringing order out of chaos. He has done an excellent job of getting together and arranging the Grand Chapter's records. At the same time, he has kindly and graciously done more than his share whenever any of us have found it necessary to go to him for aid. I trust my humble "thank you, Millard," will in some wise convey the gratitude we all owe to this beloved Companion."

No foreign correspondence report. The representatives of other bodies apparently not called upon for any report or recognition.

William A. Coble succeeds to the office of Grand King, while, of course, M. Ex. Comp. Millard F. McKeel continues as Grand Secretary.

L.F.S.

NORTH DAKOTA

Gilbert H. Movius—Grand High Priest.

W. L. Stockwell—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—24, Membership—2759, Gain—139.

The Sixty-first Annual Convocation held in Fargo, January 18, 19, 1950.

After the formal opening of Grand Chapter, visitors were received from Manitoba, Iowa, Montana and Minnesota. The following associate bodies were represented: Knights Templar, Royal and Select Masters, Scottish Rite and the Grand Lodge of North Dakota represented by the Grand Master, M. Wor. Bro. H. S. Pond.

A reception was tendered to M. Ex. Comp. Earl E. Dusenbery the General Grand High Priest. All these distinguished craftsmen were received with the customary Grand Honors.

Nine Past Grand High Priests and twenty-four Grand Representatives were also officially recognized and extended a warm welcome.

The address of M. Ex. Comp. Movius as read by this correspondent is a crisp, concise report on his official acts for the year. After a friendly reception to all present he announced a number of changes among the Grand Representatives and then launched into a detailed report of his many visitations. These included

attendance at the convocations of other Grand Chapters as well as to a number of Associate Grand Bodies. A brief but sympathetic reference is made to the Fraternal Dead followed by a list of his administrative dispensations.

After speaking of general conditions which he stated were both encouraging and disappointing, this paradox being explained by a statement, that all chapters had candidates but due to a heavy death loss the increase in membership was short of expectations.

M. Ex. Comp. Movius concludes an excellent address with an expression of appreciation for the assistance rendered by the Grand Secretary and other officers during his term of office.

A Special Committee moved that due to the usual inclement weather in January that the date of Grand Chapter be changed to March 14th. This motion was carried unanimously.

From the report of the Grand Treasurer we note that receipts exceeded disbursements with cash on hand amounting to $4,126.00 and investments of $3,500.00.

From the interest compelling report of the Grand Secretary, we extract this comment following a reference from the horse and buggy days to the modern trend.—

> "May we ask whether we are getting much more out of life than did our fathers and mothers, or our grandparents. They didn't have so many movies or clubs, but they went "visitin'" and knew their neighbors. The pressures of modern life are taking their toll upon the younger generation. We have had two awful World Wars and the Cold War continues, but let us not lose Faith that eventually the Charter of the United Nations will dominate World affairs."

From M. Ex. Comp. Stockwell's impressive report on "Memorials" we quote.—

> "We realize that each year takes its toll of distinguished and widely known companions; but praise be, we are taught to believe that there is Life beyond what we know as death. We believe in God and in the Immortality of the soul. As companions of this great Masonic Order we have been taught to present good work, true work and square work."

The reports of the seven District Deputies are well worth reading and present a graphic description of conditions throughout the jurisdiction.

The report of Fraternal Correspondent Walter H. Murfin is

most inspiring. Speaking of the trend towards increased membership he has this to say.—

> "How many of these will become real Royal Arch Masons depends on us, if we worship only numbers and do not give any further attention to our candidates. We must imbue them with a real love and enthusiasm for the rite or most of them will prove to be liabilities rather than assets. One fraternal correspondent compares such lethargy as similar to the appeasement' about which we have heard and seen so much since Munich, and we quote: "Let us have a positive Democracy and a positive Masonry. When we thoroughly know where we stand ourselves, there will be no difficulty in convincing others'."

We congratulate M. Ex. Comp. Murfin on a most interesting report.

The annual dinner of Grand Chapter was the occasion for an address by Grand Master Harold Pond. The M. Wor. Brother spoke from the text, "Son of Man stand on thy feet and I will speak unto thee." Eloquent, thought provoking and inspirational expresses our opinion of this most stimulating address. We should like to quote generously but lack of space prevents us from giving you more then the poetic gem with which this distinguished brother closed his adress.—

> "So many men before Thy altar kneel,
> Unthinkingly, to promise brotherhood.
> So few remain, humbly to kiss Thy Rood,
> With ears undeafened to Thy mute appeal.
> So many find Thy symbols less than real,
> Thy teachings, mystic, hard to understand.
> So few there are, in all Thy far flung band,
> To hold Thy banner high and draw Thy steel.
> And yet, Immortal, and Most Mighty Thou!
> What is the vital spark, hid in Thy vow?
> Thy millions learned, as Thy dear paths they trod,
> The secret of the strength Thou has to give.
> I am a way of common man to God."

Following the election of officers Albert G. Tverberg was installed as Grand High Priest. Walter L. Stockwell was re-invested as Grand Secretary. Fargo was selected as the next place of meeting.

Canada is well represented in North Dakota by Clifford E. Miller, while our popular Grand Third Principal. J. A. M. Taylor carries the commission of North Dakota near our Grand Chapter.

NOVA SCOTIA

F. M. Blois—Grand High Priest.

H. F. Sipprell—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—21, Membership—2053, Gain—6.

The Eightieth Annual Convocation was held in St. John's, Newfoundland, August 29, 1949.

M. Ex. Comp. Blois opened Grand Chapter in Ample Form with four Past Grand High Priests seated in the Grand East, after which a motion was presented and unanimously carried which conferred Honorary Membership on our Grand Z. M. Ex. Comp. C. M. Pitts. This friendly gesture will be much appreciated by the Companions of our Grand Chapter. It is noted that honorary rank was also conferred upon R. Ex. Comp. D. M. MacFarlane, the District Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of Newfoundland. Among the honored guests received and cordially welcomed were the Grand Master of the Royal and Select Masters, the representative of the Grand First Principal of New Brunswick and as already noted M. Ex. Comp. Pitts of our Grand Chapter. It is interesting to note the reception of the District Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of Newfoundland under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the District Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge under the jurisdiction of the United Grand Lodge of England. It appears that the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland share sovereign rights over symbolic Masonry in Newfoundland. M. Ex. Comp. P. S. Cochrane as Deputy Grand Master represented the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

Following a reception to the Past Grand High Priests, the Acting Grand Chaplain conducted a most impressive Divine Service. From the address of Rev. A. R. Baggs, we quote a line or two.—

> "The first task of the mind is to perceive that in the midst of which it stands. We live in a manysided, complex, ever-changing universe, and we cannot live in it truly and wisely, let alone greatly, unless we bring our minds to bear upon it. The initial task of the mind is to come to grips with the world in which we live, and the more alert, eager, open-minded observant we are, the greater and richer that world becomes."

The address of M. Ex. Comp. Blois is highly interesting. It covers his official acts and provides the reader with much information concerning activities of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia. After a warm fraternal greeting to all present he referred to Canada's tenth and newest Province in these words.—

> "It is with great pleasure that today we are meeting in the old historic city of St. John's, a place that for hundreds of years has meant much to the British Commonwealth as a whole, and to Canada in particular. Now that Newfoundland is the tenth province, it is indeed a particular pleasure to be meeting here, where Masonry has played such a part for over two

hundred years. It is the sincere wish of your Grand High Priest that the long history of friendly association between the two neighbouring peoples, the mutual respect and interdependence strengthened by Wartime experience and common membership within the British Commonwealth, which did much to bring about union with Canada, will continue to unite us in an even stronger bond."

He also spoke in glowing terms, of the presence of M. Ex. Comp. Pitts and his tribute to the worth of this distinguished Craftsman finds a ready response in the hearts of M. Ex. Comp. Pitts, friends and colleagues.

Visitations are set forth in detail and provide interesting reading. His remarks regarding the Annual Conference of Canadian Grand Chapters held in Toronto, September 14, 1949, and his special reference to the chairman M. Ex. Comp. R. V. Harris is also of interest. We heartily endorse all the nice things he had to say of that great pillar of Masonry M. Ex. Comp. Harris.

After enumerating his appointments and dispensations, he spoke of the special Convocation held in Halifax, June 15th, this Convocation being necessary as he felt that it would be very difficult for many members of Grand Chapter to attend the Annual Convocation in Newfoundland.

We are very glad to learn that M. Ex. Comp. Blois recommended, that Grand Chapter continue membership in the Annual Conference of Canadian Grand Chapters.

This very fine address closes with a commentary on the splendid service of the Grand Secretary and other officers of Grand Chapter.

Nova Scotia is divided into five districts and the reports of the Grand Superintendents clearly indicate that conditions in Nova Scotia are active and virile. Finances appear sound as indicated by the report of the Grand Treasurer with assets of $8,559.00.

The report of the Grand Secretary records an increase in membership of 62 despite losses through death and suspensions of 84. Fourteen of the twenty-one chapters report gains in membership, six record a loss while one chapter remains unchanged.

The roll-call of Grand Representatives was answered by representatives of fourteen Sister Jurisdictions. No doubt, this somewhat limited response was due to the meeting being held in New-

foundland. From the report of the Committee on Necrology we extract this beautiful thought poetically expressed.—

"They never quite leave us,
The friends who have passed
Through the Shadow of Death
To the Sunlight above;
A thousand sweet memories
Are holding them fast,
To the places they blessed
With their presence and love."

The report of M. Ex. Comp. R. V. Harris on the Second Conference of Canadian Grand Chapters leaves little doubt in the reader's mind as to the value of these conferences to Canadian Jurisdictions.

We are particularly impressed with the report of the Committee on the Special Benevolent Fund. Nova Scotia is to be commended upon the splendid humanitarian work on behalf of the blind which it carries on so successfully.

Our very good friend M. Ex. Comp. P. S. Cochrane presented the report on Fraternal Correspondence. In it he spoke favourably of published reviews which, of course, coincides precisely with the writer's viewpoint.

Canada 1948 is reviewed in condensed form but in a limited space the reviewer seems to have covered all the high-lights of our 1948 Convocation in a most friendly and capable manner, for which we tender sincere thanks.

Claude Noonan was elected and formally installed as Grand High Priest. H. F. Sipprell continues as Grand Secretary while Yarmouth was selected as the next place of meeting.

The Order of High Priesthood convened August 30th, 1949 in St. John's, Newfoundland.

George S. Wright carries our commission as Grand Representative in Nova Scotia while our Grand Z. Clarence M. Pitts performs a similar duty for Nova Scotia near our Grand Chapter.

NOVA SCOTIA

A. B. Crook—Grand High Priest.

H. F. Sipprell—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—22, Membership—2,098, Gain—45.

The 81st Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia, with Jurisdiction over Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland, was held in the Masonic Temple, Yarmouth, N.S. on the 6th day of June, 1950, with the Grand High Priest, M. Ex. Comp. Claude Noonan declaring Grand Chapter open in ample form. (The Proceedings indicate that there had been a special Convocation of the Grand Chapter at Botwood, Newfoundland on November 21st, 1949, for the purpose of constituting and dedicating Arklie Chapter No. 25 and installing its officers.) Distinguished visitors representing the Grand Council, Royal Select Masters, Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada, the Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada of the Red Cross of Constantine and the Provincial Grand Prior of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Knights Templar, the Ill. Deputy for the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and a Past Grand Z and Grand Scribe E of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick and the personal representative of the Grand Master of Masons in Nova Scotia were presented and received with proper Masonic honours, following which there was a reception of the Past Grand High Priests of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, when six were present and received with due honour.

It is the custom of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia to then hold Divine Service, which includes a hymn, responsive reading of a psalm, a prayer by the Grand Chaplain, and an address by him to Grand Chapter which is at once an inspiration and an exortation, closing with a hymn, the National Anthem, and the Benediction. It makes a very solemn and reverent approach to the business of Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest's address covered most comprehensively the recording of his stewardship during his year of office, in which he paid, first, grateful tribute to the memory of the departed companions. A complete list of visitations throughout his Jurisdiction, both on the mainland and on the Islands of Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland, followed in complete detail and his official acts in connection with appointments, amendments to by-laws, and dispensations, all of which were of a routine character. He mentions with enthusiasm, the formation of the new Chapter in Newfoundland called Arklie Chapter No. 25 and his pleasure in officiating at its consecration. Among his recommendations, rising out of his experience of his year of office, he refers to the benefits

of the continuance of membership in the Conference of Canadian Grand Chapters and the recommendation that the Grand King and the Grand Scribe should assist in carrying the burden of official visitation so that every Chapter of the Jurisdiction might be visited during the year. His address concludes with a strong appeal that the Royal Arch Mason should practice outside his chapter, the work inculcated within it. We note with pleasure that one of the items which took place at the Annual Convocation was the presentation to one of our Ex. Companions immediately out of office in the St. Patrick's Chapter, Ex. Comp. Harry Scott, with his Past First Principal's Jewel on our behalf. The reports of the Grand Superintendents of the six Districts within the Jurisdiction indicate that conscientious and efficient work is being done throughout the Jurisdiction. We note with interest that the Grand Chapter has sponsored two issues of a publication called the "Royal Craftsman" and that an educational pamphlet on the "so-called" York-Rite is in course of preparation. The report of the Treasurer indicates the funds of Grand Chapter to be in very satisfactory condition, it having been possible to transfer to their benevolent account some $3,425.53 during the year, leaving a substantial balance in the general account after this adjustment. The Grand Secretary reports a very satisfactory record of collections from the constituent Chapters, and extends his thanks for the co-operation of the secretaries of the constituent Chapters, although it would seem that even in Nova Scotia, some secretaries are slow in getting in their annual returns. We are happy to note that Most Ex. Comp. G. S. Wright, the Grand Representative of our Grand Chapter was present and welcomed.

We note with interest the passing of a resolution respecting boys' work within the Jurisdiction to the effect that they approve and permit the formation, under auspices of any Chapter, in the Jurisdiction, of a Chapter of the Order of Demolay for boys, and also the recommendation that the Chapters form, where practicable, troops of Boy Scouts, as a practical means of assisting the youth of the community. In our Jurisdiction, this action would of course, not be possible, as the Order of Demolay is not recognized by our Grand Lodge, but we will follow with interest, the work in connection with developing valuable opportunities for service to the youth of the land. The Grand Archivist, Most Ex. Comp. Reginald V. Harris, presented a most comprehensive report on the work of the Canadian Masonic Research Association and the meetings of

the preliminary committee in Toronto on November 15th, 1949, of representatives of the All-Canada Conference of Grand Masters and of the Canadian Grand Chapters, also representatives from the Sovereign Great Priory, Knights Templar, and the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite. Efficient progress had been made at this and the subsequent meeting of May 9th, 1950 in Toronto, where the by-laws of the Association were adopted. The Grand Chapter in Nova Scotia endorsed the project. A motion that the Constitution be amended to the effect, that to be eligible for election as Grand High Priest, an Excellent Companion must have served at least one term in the office of Grand King, or Grand Scribe, was defeated. In the election of Grand Officers which followed, Rt. Ex. Companion A. B. Crook was elected Grand High Priest. Following the installation of the elected Grand Officers, the Grand Chapter was closed in ample form. The Proceedings as printed are most complete, and carry a list of the Chapter Officers and the membership of each Constituent Chapter. There is also a very considerable portion devoted to Fraternal Reviews, in which the Report of our Grand Chapter for 1949 has been very fully covered by the Reviewer, Most Ex. Comp. R. V. Harris.

Nova Scotia is represented near our Grand Chapter by the present Grand Z, Most Ex. Comp. C. M. Pitts.

C.M.P.

OHIO

Amos H. Englebeck—Acting Grand High Priest.

Mont. C. Hambright—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—204, Membership—60,029, Gain—1769.

The One Hundred and Thirty-third Annual Convocation held in Cincinnati, October 12, 13, 1949 with R. Ex. Comp. Englebeck as Acting Grand High Priest. Grand Chapter having been formally opened the Grand Chaplain led in the Devotional Exercises.

Sixteen Past Grand High Priests graced the East by their presence while forty-six Grand Representatives answered the roll-call. Distinguished guests were numerous and included delegations from the Grand Lodge, the Grand Council, Grand Commandery, General Grand Chapter, and the following Sister Jurisdictins, Connecticut, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, New York,

Pennsylvania and Virginia. These, as well as visitors representing other Masonic Groups were fraternally received and most cordially welcomed. An interesting ceremony followed in the presentation of the Canadian flag, the glorious old Union Jack to Grand Chapter from the Grand Chapter of Manitoba. Special tribute was paid to the memory of M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith who at the time of his death occupied the office of Grand Scribe E. We quote the concluding words of this much appreciated tribute to one, who was beloved of his Companions in Canada and whose loss to Masonry in general proved a serious blow to the many branches of our Ancient Craft in all of which he was actively interested. We quote.—

> "He had more friends in our Grand Chapter than almost any other Companion who had ever visited us and I know of no one who will be more missed from our Convocation than Ed Smith."

The acting Grand High Priest presented his address covering the period served by him and included a transcript of the official acts of M. Ex. Comp. V. W. Prather, whose lamented death is referred to in feeling terms in R. Ex. Comp. Englebeck's opening remarks which we quote.—

> "It is with a bowed head and a sad heart that I appear before you today as Acting Grand High Priest. Almighty God in His wisdom has seen fit to take from us our esteemed and beloved Grand High Priest, Virgil Wesley Prather. He was removed from our midst approximately nine months after installation into office. It is known to his glory that the affairs of the Grand Chapter were his great interest to the very end. We have lost a devout Mason and a Christian gentleman."

From a sympathetic reference to the Fraternal Dead, we learn of the passing of M. Ex. Comp. Irving Stafford, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Treasurer. May we tender the sympathy of Canadian Masons in the sad loss of these two pillars of Ohio Masonry. We extract a poetic gem from the Memorial.—

> "No mystic charm, no mortal art
> Can bid our loved Companions stay;
> The hands that clasp them to our heart
> Snap in death's frost and fall apart;
> Like shadows fading with the day,
> They pass away."

M. Ex. Comp. Paul G. Lutz was appointed Grand Treasurer to fill the vacancy due to the death of M. Ex. Comp. Stafford.

Thirty-three dispensations were granted covering routine matters none of which come under the "unusual category."

During the year forty-eight veterans of the Royal Arch were presented with Fifty Year Emblems. Visitations by both the late Grand High Priest and R. Ex. Comp. Englebeck are set forth in detail, as also are the various appointments that were made. It is of interest to note that a dispensation was granted for the formation of a new chapter.

From the closing remarks of the Acting Grand High Priest we extract the following.—

> "The social horizon of all our Chapters should be broadened. There are various things that do detract from the attendance at, and interest in our meetings. We do not need to, nor do we intend to compete with these detractions. We have within our own Chapters all the means to make them attractive if we but avail ourselves of the opportunities."

And now we give you the final paragraph of a most enlightening address.—

> "My gratitude is given to all those in the Grand Chapter who so willingly came forward with advice and offers of help at the time our Grand High Priest was taken from us. The true companionship of it all has brought another year to a close, and even though our pilot was removed from our midst, the Grand Chapter as the result of his efforts has reached port.
> "Let us all emulate the efforts of the past and with renewed energy face the future praying at all times that our conduct will bespeak the approbation of Almighty God."

From a most impressive report by the Grand Chaplain on "Necrology," we reproduce the following excerpt which will appeal to every serious minded Craftsman.

> "Our Masonic teaching emphasizes and keeps constantly in the foreground, two thoughts which have ever been the source of that peace and contentment all men seek. Namely, the thought of God and the hope of immortality. In a very real sense we are a peculiar people in that as a secular organization, we are banded together for one great purpose, and that, the perfection of human character."

The very comprehensive report of Grand Secretary Hambright attracts our attention. We note the net gain in membership was 1769 despite losses from various sources of 2060. Of 204 chapters, 168 record a gain, 27 a loss, 9 remained stationary while but 2 reported "no exaltations", all of which appears most encouraging.

We are constrained to again comment on the marvellous humanitarian work of our brethren and companions of Ohio in the operation of the Masonic Home, and the Rickly Memorial Hospital. The disbursements for the past year reached the enorm-

ous total of $529,807.00, the anticipated income for the current year being $483,050.00. Residents in home total 219 men, 227 women, 23 boys and 14 girls. Truly a magnificent undertaking and worthy of our most generous applause.

Henry Gruen, P.G.H.P. presented the Capitular Review and from a brief but decidedly interesting Foreword, we quote these words to which we heartily subscribe.—

> "It is sincerely hoped that in an effort to attain a certain goal in membership, we are not losing sight of the factor of quality."

And now we turn to his review of Canada. As usual our Grand Chapter's proceedings are reviewed in masterful style. Nothing of import appears to have been overlooked. Liberal extracts from our Grand Z.'s address, statistical references and an extract from our last review are all given prominence, and merit our deep appreciation of a splendid review of our jurisdiction. Again we thank you M. Ex. Sir and assure you that it has been a real pleasure to review Ohio.

The Order of High Priesthood convened October 12, 1949.

Following the election of officers Amos H. Englebeck was duly installed as Grand High Priest, while Mont. C. Hambright was re-elected and invested as Grand Secretary. Akron was selected as next place of meeting. A rather pathetic touch appears in the presentation of the Jewel which had been prepared for her husband M. Ex. Comp. Prather to Mrs. Ruth K. Prather.

Canada is ably represented in Ohio by George J. Kohler. Ohio commission in Canada is vacant due to the death of Edwin Smith who for many long years represented Ohio in Canada.

OHIO

Amos H. Englebeck—Grand High Priest.

Paul G. Lutz—Acting Grand Secretary.

Chapters 204, plus I.U.D. Membership 61,236, Gain—1207.

The One Hundred and Thirty-Fourth Annual Convocation held at Akron, October 4th & 5th, 1950, with M. Ex. Comp. Englebeck presiding.

Grand Chapter was duly opened, followed by prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Many distinguished guests and visitors were introduced and cordially welcomed. These included representatives from Grand Chapters of Indiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Canada.

Associate bodies represented were, Grand Lodge of Ohio, Grand Council, Grand Commandery, A. & A. S. Rite, General Grand Chapter, Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the U.S.A., and Knights of the York Cross of Honour.

The flags of the U.S.A. and Canada were then posted and all joined in singing the National Anthems of both countries.

The address of M. Ex. Comp. Englebeck outlined in detail his many activities, as well as the progress made in the Grand Jurisdiction. The loss of M. Ex. Comp. Mont. C. Hambright, the late Grand Secretary was severely felt and occasioned much sorrow to the members of this Grand Chapter and Jurisdiction. In Canada he was loved and greatly respected. With our Companions of Ohio we, in Canada, grieve over his passing. Tribute also was reverently paid to other distinguished Companions who have passed to the realms above.

A detail of the many visits throughout the Jurisdiction is set forth in this address, showing an unstinted giving of his services by the Grand High Priest in this particular line of duty. Visits to other Grand Bodies also are set forth, among them being a reference to his visit to our Grand Chapter, which was a very pleasurable event to us.

A list is given of the seventy-two Companions who each received a fifty year emblem button—a great distinction.

Numerous dispensations were issued for various reasons, the Capitular Apartments at Masonic Temple, Fairborn, were dedicated, and four Chapters were consecrated. Some few fraternal courtesies were requested and some fraternal courtesies were extended.

Several Grand Representatives were commissioned near other Grand Chapters, among such Commissions was one to a member of the Grand Council of the Grand Chapter of Canada, the vacancy having been caused by the passing of our late respected and beloved M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith. Nine recommendations were submitted to other Grand Bodies for the appointment of Grand Representatives near the Grand Chapter of Ohio.

A recommendation was made that each Chapter have from two to five members belonging to the Chapter of Research, and that two or three meetings be used in studying the Articles produced by this Chapter of Research.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows new members admitted and re-instated 3,392, and losses through death and other causes 2,185 — net gain of 1,207.

In an address given by M. Ex. Comp. William F. Clark, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts at the Annual dinner, he makes these remarks in conclusion of his speech, stressing his belief in the importance of good work in our rites and ceremonies—

> "Give to your duties all that study and attention which their importance demands. To you who have the power of appointment, look over the field carefully; choose none but the best to be the life blood of your body; and to you, lay members on the sidelines, demand of your officers that they merit your loyalty and attendance, for which they ask."

Following the election of officers, Anthony T. Vollman was duly installed as Grand High Priest, Henry Gruen was elected Grand Secretary, and the City of Columbus selected as the next place of Meeting.

Our Representative in Ohio is George J. Kolher, while Alexander G. N. Bradshaw is Ohio's representative near our Grand Chapter.

A.G.N.B.

OKLAHOMA

F. M. Lumbard—Grand High Priest.

James A. Lathim—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—48, Membership—7382, Gain—128.

The Sixty-first Annual Convocation held in Muskogee, April 4th, 1950, with M. Ex. Comp. Lumbard presiding. After the formal opening and the Invocation by the Grand Chaplain many distinguished guests were escorted to the altar and received a cordial welcome.

The visitors led by M. Ex. Comp. Earl E. Dusenbery, General Grand High Priest, included prominent craftsmen from Kansas, Texas, Tennessee and Missouri. Associate bodies represented were

Grand Council, Grand Commandery and the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma.

Eleven Past Grand High Priests and forty-three Grand Representatives answered the roll-call and were warmly greeted.

The masterly address of the Grand High Priest holds the reader's interest carrying as it does an encouraging message impregnated with lofty thoughts and ideals. After greeting all present in a most gracious manner M. Ex. Comp. Lumbard made sympathetic reference to the Fraternal Dead with a special tribute to the memory of Past Grand High Priests C. G. Wattson and Emerson Burns. After dealing with changes in the Corps of Grand Representatives he enumerated his dispensations, these latter being purely administrative in character and without special interest to an outsider. Visitations were many and are prominently set forth. From the number of such functions one is inclined to wonder how the Grand High Priest could find time to cover such a broad expanse of territory. Among his recommendations is one for the appointment of a Committee on Education. It is noteworthy that throughout many of the Grand Chapters under review the question of Masonic Education is either in actual practice or under consideration. From a beautifully phrased dissertation under the caption of "The Challenge of Today" we extract the following,—

> "It has been said we are living in a changing world. Everywhere around us is evidence of continuing change; the post-war world is vastly different than the era which preceded it. Apostles of despair and gloom point to unsettled world conditions and cry out with voices of fear and trembling at the terrible forces of destruction set loose among us. In our present day society we find much to criticize and condemn, while all around us careless and wanton acts continually bring about great loss of life and property. We are confronted and confounded with the false doctrine that the present is all that counts, and that man has already destroyed the future which for him can never exist. Nevertheless, my companions, I submit that in these very conditions we find the Challenge of Today. How then, shall we as men and Masons meet this challenge? I find the answer in one word—Faith. With faith in ourselves, faith in each other, faith in the future, and above all, with an everlasting faith in the Divine principles contained in the Sacred Volume upon our altars we can meet the challenge of today."

After a well deserved commentary on the work of the Grand Secretary and other officers, M. Ex. Comp. Lumbard closes a magnificent address with these lines.—

> "Peace that is deep and lasting,
> Faith that is strong and true,
> And every joy and blessing
> To brighten each day for you."

The report of Grand Treasurer Barbour should bring a glow of satisfaction to the companions of Oklahoma. The highlights of this report are a General Fund of $4,044.00, and Educational Fund of $1,041.00 and bond investments to the credit of the two funds of $55,575.00.

From the Grand Secretary we learn that encouraging reports have been received from the Constituent Chapters and while the net gain was less than half of the preceding year, it nevertheless appeals to this correspondent as healthy, the net increase being 128.

The reports of the six District Deputy Grand High Priests are most interesting and leave little doubt in the reader's mind as to the splendid condition prevailing throughout the Grand Jurisdiction.

The report on the Masonic Charity Foundation attracts our attention. Apparently this worthy undertaking is sponsored by Grand Lodge with the assistance of other Masonic bodies. The assets are valued at one and one-quarter million dollars. During calendar year the Foundation received from Grand Lodge alone some $59,500.00. Truly an evidence of the sincerity of the Oklahoma Masons in putting into practice the cardinal virtue of charity.

The Capitular Review is from the facile pen of Howard H. Skaggs. From a splendid Foreword we read Comp. Skaggs' comment on world conditions but let us quote his closing paragraph.—

> "Today Humanity faces the possibility of an Atomic-hydrogen blitz. The slaughter that would result will be so terrible, that the average mind cannot comprehend the dreadful conditions that will arise. The Atomic Scientists tell us that since the discovery of atomic power, man has now arrived at the cross-roads where he may enter into an area of peace and prosperity, such as has never before been known, otherwise while the nations of the world procrastinate our time may be running out. We have one alternative, it is 'Oblivion.' The forces of evil remain with us, we have yet to win the victory. If it were not that our faith is in the Great I Am, we might well falter in facing this tragic situation confronting all mankind."

Forty-two jurisdictions are reviewed, but, alas Canada is not among the favoured few. No doubt, our proceedings failed to reach Comp. Skaggs in time for inclusion. The reviews are topically arranged under captions such as "statistical," "Condition of the Rite," "Miscellaneous, etc." Under these headings outstanding features from the various Grand Chapters are quoted. Very interesting but somewhat difficult to review as no Grand Chapter is commented upon in its entirety.

Following the election of officers, Roy H. Russel was elected and installed as Grand High Priest. James A. Lathim continues as Grand Secretary. Ardmore was selected as the next place of meeting.

Edward Worth is Oklahoma's representative in Canada, while Frank E. Eldred carries our commission near the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.

OREGON

Robert E. Dodge—Grand High Priest.

Richard H. Tusant—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—49, Membership—7,290, Gain—226.

The Eighty-ninth Annual Convocation held in Medford, April 12th and 13th, 1950, with M. Ex. Comp. Dodge presiding.

At the opening ceremonies a very beautiful prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain. The National Flag was then posted and visitors introduced and welcomed. The distinguished Companions were from the Grand Chapters of Washington, California and Arizona. The General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter was also in attendance as well as the Grand Master of Grand Council, the Grand Master of the General Grand Council and the Grand Commander of Knights Templar.

Nine Past Rulers of Oregon and twenty-six Grand Representatives were cordially received and welcomed.

The address of the Grand High Priest outlined his many activities during the year. Many amendments to By-Laws, numerous dispensations, and appointments of Grand Representatives were listed. The Grand High Priest particularly stressed the efficiency of the Grand Secretary and the courtesies and assistance extended and rendered by that official. The year was one of great joy, and a belief was expressed that Capitular Masonry in all Oregon Chapters was in good condition. The Grand High Priest closed his report with the hope that the Masonic Tenets will stand for all time as a beacon to guide all free men.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance of $2,348.36, with investments totalling $21,000.00, and a Life Membership Fund of $19,062.50.

The Grand Secretary states that 35 Chapters showed a net gain in membership, and despite various losses, a net overall increase of 226.

The following extract from the report on Memorials gives food for thought—

> "The very precepts of our Order call us to this constant search for Truth, Beauty, Goodness, Holiness. By our own free will and choice we came into these Chambers of Masonry. We came because we were convinced that within them were to be found experiences of fellowship and knowledge which would enrich our lives and ennoble our service to God and to each other."

The address of the Grand Orator is worthy of note tracing, as it does, the progress of the United States of America during the years from 1900. Near the end of his discourse are these remarks—

> "When we are barred by an iron curtain, we must strengthen and expand where we are, always working, always striving. Certainly, unless the ideals of friendship, morality and brotherly love are, in some way, spread over the earth, mankind may well, as has been said, perish by its own inventions".

After the elections, Herbert W. White was installed as Grand High Priest, Richard H. Tusant was re-elected Grand Secretary, and the City of Portland selected as the next place of Meeting.

The Immediate Past Grand High Priest Robert E. Dodge presented a cup to the Grand Chapter to be given at Annual Convocation in 1951, to the Chapter showing greatest percentage of gain for calendar year 1950.

Fred A. Purdin is Canada's representative in Oregon, while William A. Tregenza is Oregon's representative near our Grand Chapter.

A.G.N.B.

PENNSYLVANIA

Arthur L. Miller—Grand High Priest.

John C. Kitselman—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—154, Membership—39,006, Gain—917.

Quarterly Convocations held in Philadelphia March 3rd, June 2nd, September 8th and December 8th, 1949, M. Ex. Comp. Miller presiding on each occasion.

March Quarterly, Grand Chapter having been duly opened, received honored guests and called the roll of Grand Representa-

tives. M. Ex. Comp. Miller announced a number of appointments to fill vacancies in the Corps of Grand Representatives due to death. Just here this correspondent received a distinct shock in noting that Comp. George L. Gardner died at Philadelphia January 17, 1949. He was not aware that a companion of almost the same name was active in the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. After disposing of routine business Grand Chapter was closed in due form.

June Quarterly. This evening was devoted to administrative matters. After a reference to the distinguished dead of other jurisdictions Grand Chapter was formally closed.

September Quarterly. The usual Quarterly reports were received and considered. We note a reference to the passing of our beloved Grand Treasurer M. Ex. Comp. Dr. W. G. Price, a very severe loss to Canadian Masonry.

December Quarterly, this being the Annual Communication. Grand Chapter having been opened in Ample Form many distinguished visitors were in attendance. These included a delegation headed by the Grand Master from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the General Grand Secretary of General Grand Chapter, and a goodly representation from Grand Council, Grand Commandery and the Red Cross of Constantine. Sister jurisdictions represented were Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut, Vermont, Maryland, Virginia, Ohio, New Hampshire, New Jersey, District of Columbia, Delaware, Quebec and our own Grand Z. M. Ex. Comp. C. M. Pitts representing Canada. A cordial welcome was received by all. Six Past Grand High Priests and forty-two Grand Representatives were in attendance.

The address of M. Ex. Comp. Miller was a comprehensive resume of the year's activities. The Grand High Priest has the happy faculty of making his yearly report decidedly interesting and entertaining. He prefaced his address with a cordial welcome to all present and then made reference to the Fraternal Dead. We learn with profound sorrow of the death of Samuel Shaw who for some years has faithfully represented our Grand Chapter in Pennsylvania.

An encouraging picture of chapter progress was presented by M. Ex. Comp. Miller. He stated while the full objective was not

reached, many chapters recorded increases in membership from 10 to 44 per cent.

He then launched into a detailed report on his many visitations. These included Chapter and district meetings, as well as visits to other jurisdictions. We note with pleasure the reference to his visit accompanied by the M. Ex. The Grand Secretary to our Ottawa Convocation. It would appear superfluous to say that we were indeed honored, yes delighted to have him with us.

In a reference to the financial condition of constituent chapters, he mentioned 20 chapters having liabilities of $18,055.00, 28 chapters in poor financial condition and 9843 companions in arrears of dues. On the other side of the ledger he spoke of 49 chapters with invested funds of $353,264.00, all of which no doubt provides Grand Chapter with food for reflection.

He concludes a brilliant report in these words.—

> "In closing, I am deeply grateful to the Grand Officers, elective and appointive, who have in many instances, at great personal sacrifice, most graciously responded to every call upon them. Let us continue to labor in unanimity and success will crown our efforts."

From the report of Grand Treasurer Frank R. Leech we find a financial position that appears to an outsider as sound and comforting with investments totalling $146,133.00 and a Trust Fund of $23,400.00.

Following the election of officers M. Ex. Comp. Miller was re-elected and subsequently installed as Grand High Priest while M. Ex. Comp. J. C. Kitselman was re-invested as Grand Secretary.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence was by a committee and we note with pleasure that Past Grand High Priest Frank R. Leech furnished the review of Canada. We are greatly indebted to M. Ex. Comp. Leech for a generous coverage of our 1949 Convocation, and we are indeed appreciative of his friendly note and comment. He refers to M. Ex. Comp. L. F. Stephens as the lovable representative of Pennsylvania in Canada, and this comment brings a glow of pleasure to the writer for M. Ex. Comp. Stephens is well-beloved by our companions in Canada. His reference to this correspondent's address of welcome is noted and filed away in our mental archives as a tribute, which we consider hardly deserved yet gratefully acknowledged.

Much space is given to M. Ex. Comp. Dean's address. Nothing of import appears to have escaped his scrutiny. He reminds us, that the Grand Secretary carries the title of Most and not Right-Excellent and we stand corrected.

With regard to his question relative to the authority of our Grand Z. in issuing dispensations over-riding a chapter By-Law, we should say our constitution permits the Grand Z. to issue dispensations covering changes in chapter meeting dates. We must say, however, that such decisions are not made lightly and the Grand Z. must be satisfied, that the request is made for a legitimate reason.

Again we tender thanks for a most friendly reference to our last review. We do appreciate your kindly comments and heartily agree with all that you have to say relative to rituals and our esoteric work. Again Companion Leech thanks for an able review of Canada.

Pennsylvania, as already noted, is well represented in Canada by the popular L. F. Stephens, P.G.Z. We regret that at this writing no appointment has been made to replace the late lamented Samuel Shaw.

QUEBEC

N. D. Hill—Grand First Principal.

W. W. Williamson—Grand Scribe E.

Chapters—24, Membership—2906, Gain—82.

The Seventy-third Annual Convocation held in Montreal, March 22, 1950.

Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form by M. Ex. Comp. Norman Hill. Six Past Grand Z.'s graced the East by their presence while twenty-five Grand Representatives answered the roll-call. Of course, M. Ex. Comp. Osgoode was present to respond for our jurisdiction.

Among the array of distinguished craftsmen who were formally received and fraternally welcomed as visitors, we note leaders of the Royal Craft from Massachusetts, New York, Vermont, Maine and our Grand Chapter represented by Grand Second Principal

A. G. N. Bradshaw. Also, present and loyally greeted was M. W. Bro. L. F. Crothers, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. It is always a pleasure to review our sister Province of Quebec, the Masonic home of many priceless friendships. Historic Quebec with many Old World traditions and a wealth of historical events, that carry our thoughts back to the early days of Canada always provides splendid material for a Capitular Review by this correspondent who appreciates and respects the honor conferred upon him as the Grand Representative of our neighbouring Grand Chapter.

But to return to our review let us first read the inspirational address of our very good friend M. Ex. Comp. Hill. From the eloquent introductory remarks of the Grand Z. we are constrained to quote the following all-too-true comment on the challenge to Freemasonry.—

> "If Masonry was ever needed in the world, it is needed to-day as never before. If its ideals were ever valid, they are valid everlastingly. Its teachings are of vital worth to-day. If the world is to have peace, and I am sure that is the desire of us all, we as Masons must have a part in it. We are sharers in the work of human brotherhood, of spreading the spirit of brotherly love, of sympathy, of kindness, and consideration, that shall help to bring concord and peace, that shall acknowledge in every thought and action the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man. Let us resolve to seek guidance and help, so that we may be capable of rendering the very best service, according to the talents wherewith God has blessed us, to His Glory and the welfare of our fellow creatures."

Under the caption of Necrology, the Grand Z. pays graceful tribute to those who during the year have passed through those Veils which lead to the Great Beyond. We quote from this section this poetic gem.—

> "There's an open gate at the end of the road
> Through which each one must pass alone
> And there, in the light we cannot see,
> The Great Architect claims HIS own.
> Beyond the Gate your loved ones
> Find happiness and rest
> And there is comfort in the thought
> That GOD alone knows best."

Dispensations were few in number and relatively unimportant. After referring to dispensations, M. Ex. Comp. Hill announced appointments and visitations. Among these latter he recorded his visit to our Ottawa Convocation, and had many nice things to say anent the treatment, which he and his associates received at our hands. Be assured M. Ex. Sir the pleasure was ours as without a

strong delegation from Quebec, our Annual Convocation would indeed be found wanting. Following a brief but interesting reference to the Conference of Canadian Grand Chapters, tribute is paid to the splendid service rendered by the Grand Superintendents and to the Grand Scribe E., who had just completed his 30th consecutive year in the office which he fills so capably.

From the closing remarks we excerpt this thought so ably expressed by the Grand Z.—

> "Masonry was never meant to be merely an ornamental tree: It was designed to bear fruit. The idealism of Freemasonry is of the highest type. It teaches unselfishness, it instills friendship, it promotes brotherhood, it brings out good will, it furthers toleration, it broadens the human vision and enlarges our power to benefit mankind."

M. Ex. Comp. Hill brings to a close a sterling address with this quotation.—

> "Another year is gone. What we have done
> Can never be undone: for good or ill
> A chain of sequence from our acts will run
> Far down the years and have an influence still.
> 'To err is human': though we've made mistakes, we fear,
> We've tried our best to choose and do the right.
> We hope the Master's verdict for the year
> May be that we've made progress toward the light."

The Grand Scribe E.'s report is comprehensive, interesting and and encouraging. Notwithstanding a heavy death loss and deflections through withdrawals and suspensions a net gain of 89 was recorded. All but four chapters reported an increase and these remained stationary. For the second time in many years every chapter had exaltations.

Fiscal affairs according to the Grand Treasurer's report appear sound and healthy. Receipts well in excess of disbursements, a Benevolent Fund of $3,405.00 and total assets of $45,439.00 which appeals to this correspondent as an extremely happy condition.

We have always enjoyed the reports of the Grand Superintendents of the five districts and this year we have not been disappointed. Well up to the established high standard, well written and most informative expresses our opinion of the reports of these zealous and pains-taking officers.

From the splendid report on the Grand Z's. address we extract this paragraph.—

"The thought uttermost in our minds today, and for the past three or four years, is the Cold War, which still persists. The slow progress, if any, made toward International Peace, for which we surely yearn, is a matter of great concern to us all. Our Grand First Principal reminds us that the real obstacles in our way,—Fear, Greed, Hatred and Suspicion, can be removed only by spreading abroad the Everlasting Truth of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man."

We note and appreciate the kindly reference to the great loss sustained by our Grand Chapter, and, in fact by Masonry in general in the passing of two of the outstanding pillars of Royal Arch Masonry in our jurisdiction, M. Ex. Comps. Walter G. Price and Edwin Smith, both of whom were well known and had many close friends in Quebec.

And now we come to one of the high-lights of the proceedings of Quebec, the Capitular Review by M. Ex. Comp. W. J. Edwards, a talented and most interesting writer.

From a splendid Foreword which provides food for reflection for the serious-minded, we quote.—

"Which way shall I take" is the question we often hear today, amid so much doubt, uncertainy, fear, and even dread of the future. In any direction we look, we may see something to perplex and frighten us. But, Companions, let us not be dismayed at all this turmoil. Rather let us ever remember that GOD IS, and that He rules the universe and all things in it. A Grand Chaplain wisely sums it up in one brief sentence, "God is the one remedy for the evils of humanity." How helpful and satisfying is that thought at all times."

And his friendly reference to his fellow-reviewers must not go unnoticed. Here are his closing words.—

"So, to our fellow Reviewers we again say farewell for this time. We are grateful to so many of you for what you have written. To one and all we say Godspeed.

May we all keep in mind these lines.—

"Lift up our hearts, O King of kings,
To brighter hopes and kindlier things,
To visions of a larger good,
And holier dreams of brotherhood."

And now let us turn to his review of our Grand Chapter. Our Ottawa Convocation is covered in masterly style. All phases of our meeting have been noted with special note and comment on M. Ex. Comp. Dean's address. He even finds time to refer to this writer's Address of Welcome in Ottawa and to our last review for which we tender grateful thanks.

Congratulations M. Ex. Sir on your 20th review which finds a lofty place among the Capitular Reviews and makes for your opposite number in our jurisdiction, the reviewing of Quebec a labour of love.

A. E. Dyson was elected and formally installed as Grand Z. while that beloved perennial Walter W. Williamson continues to labor in the office of Grand Scribe E.

As already intimated M. Ex. Comp. A. J. Osgoode represents our jurisdiction in Quebec, while this correspondent plays a similar role for Quebec near our Grand Chapter.

QUEENSLAND

R. N. F. Quinn—First Grand Principal.

S. W. Coulter—Grand Scribe E.

The Regular Convocation of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter was held in Brisbane, April 6, 1949.

Grand Chapter having been opened with due formality, the First Grand Principal extended a sincere welcome to all present. The Grand Scribe E. reported apologies received from many companions who were unable to attend.

Tribute was paid to the Fraternal Dead with a special reference to the passing of R. Ex. Comp. Thomas Levingston, Deputy First Grand Principal and a Past Grand Senior Warden of Grand Lodge. M. Ex. Comp. Quinn referred to him as a mighty man of Freemasonry. He closed an eloquent reference to Queensland's great loss in the passing of Comp. Levingston with these lines.—

> "Softly comes life's evening twilight
> Gently stealing o'er our heads;
> Bringing after life's stern struggle
> Peace, that glorifies the dead."

From an inspirational address by M. Ex. Comp. Quinn, we quote the following which will appeal to all who are privileged to read this address.—

> "The nature and purpose of our Order was designed and laid down in the dim and distant past, and continues to be recognised as one of the most inspiring plans ever devised; its proportions are great; it has grace and balance, with a combination of strength and delicacy which appeals to all; and yet, although its shape and character is well-defined, it is not

yet finished; the work proceeds steadily, with an enchantment which attracts countless thousands to labour under its banner in complete harmony with the general design—the scope of its aspirations, the beams of light from its principles creates a conviction that herein stands, and has stood for centuries, and will continue to stand, a great edifice for worship and exaltation, shining forth with a flame of enthusiasm which impels each member to give effect to its principles in his vocation. It is a great challenge for individual creative effort."

Thirty-five Grand Representatives answered the roll-call and were extended a welcome.

The report of the Grand Committee deals with all administrative matters and covers much of the work done by special committees in Canada. It records appointments to the Corps of Grand Representatives, refers to the Ceremonies of Consecration of a number of Constituent Chapters and lists visitations to the various chapters.

The Grand Treasurer's report indicates that despite rising costs which have increased disbursements, the balance sheet records finances sound and healthy.

The address of the Grand Lecturer on the bearings of the Twelve Tribes of Israel is intensely interesting, instructive and educational. If space permitted we should like to reproduce this splendid dissertation on a truly Royal Arch subject, but alas, it is not possible for us to do so. We, however, quote a verse which he informs us comes from the Royal Ark Mariner's degree.—

"For though the moon's pure brightness but reflects
By borrowed ray the glory of the sun,
Yet moon and stars and flowerets of the field
All equally set forth the power of Him
Who made them all: the Architect Divine."

Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form and Solemn Prayer.

The Annual Convocation was held Octover 5, 1949, with M. Ex. Comp. Quinn presiding.

Past Rank was conferred upon a number of active companions for meritorious service to the Royal Craft.

From a report of the Board of Benevolence, we note that this Board has been very active during the year and reports the Fund has approximately $50,000.00.

M. Ex. Comp. Quinn was unanimously re-elected First Grand Principal and formally declared. Following the election and appointment of the various officers all were installed and invested according to our Ancient Rites.

After dealing with various reports and disposing of a number of routine matters, Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form and with Solemn Prayer.

Canada is most faithfully represented in Queensland by Comp. J. Shirra Sr., Queensland's representative near our Grand Chapter is Comp. Neil A. MacEachern.

RODE ISLAND

Daniel O. Cargill—Grand High Priest.

Edward M. Wheeler—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—15, Membership—5,364, Loss—7.

The One Hundred and Fifty-third Annual Convocation was opened at Providence on March 14th, 1950 with M. Ex. Comp. D. O. Cargill presiding. Prayer at the Altar by the Associate Grand Chaplain, followed by the singing of one stanza of "America."

Distinguished Guests from Sister Jurisdictions included representatives from Maine, Vermont, Connecticut, New ork, and Massachusetts. Also representatives from the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in R.I. Also M. Ex. Comp. H. B. Rice, M. Wor. Grand Master. Twenty-nine Grand Representatives were formally welcomed.

The address of the Most Ex. Comp. Daniel O. Cargill was very lengthy and impressive. Quoting from his opening remarks:

> "Rhode Island and our Grand Chapter have been particularly honored this year in that Providence was selected by the officers of the General Grand Chapter for the purpose of holding a regional meeting for the convenience of the Grand Chapters in this area. It was well attended by representatives of the constituent Jurisdictions and I appreciate the loyal support of the present and Past Grand Officers and the interests shown by the Royal Arch Companions of the State. The three sessions held Saturday were enthusiastically attended, very instructive and will do much to guide and inspire the Grand Officers of our Chapters in their efforts to plan the further advancement of Royal Arch Masonry. We truly welcome to our Convocation M.E. Companion Earl E. Dusenbery, General Grand High Priest, M.E. Companion Robert F. Janes, General Grand King, and the other officers and representatives who could tarry with us."

It is noted with deep regret the heavy loss by death, including many high ranking Past Officers.

> "They have finished with wile and weakness, and weariness and pain. Yes, they rest from them. But their works are with them."

The Grand High Priest has been most active in his visitations, in both his own and Sister Jurisdictions. Also he made many visits to coordinate bodies. His leadership will certainly bear fruit.

All the reports indicate a very sound and encouraging outlook. There is a note of enthusiasm throughout the entire proceedings.

In the closing remarks of the Most Ex. Grand High Priest he leaves the following message:

> ,"At times we are discouraged by adverse conditions which we find about us in the world—man's inhumanity to man—greed—and the scramble of superiority by force. There is no better time to contemplate what Masonry has done and can do. Masonry teaches us to build men who can change the world and right its wrongs.
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> "Let us look for light in the darkened skies which still hang over the world: for the day when peace shall reign and men shall dwell together in brotherhood. The Great Architect of the Universe still controls His creation and always will."

The Convocation of Rhode Island Convention of anointed High Priests was held March 25th, 1950.

Norris G. Abbott is the representative for our Grand Chapter in Rhode Island while Edward H. Brennan represents Rhode Island near our Grand Chapter.

J.A.M.T.

SASKATCHEWAN

Walter E. Bristowe—Grand Z.

Alfred A. Wilson—Grand Scribe E.

Chapters—25, Membership—2427, Gain—118.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Convocation held in Prince Albert, May 20, 1949 with M. Ex. Comp. Bristowe presiding. M. Ex. Comp. Bristowe opened Grand Chapter in Ample Form. Thirteen Past Grand Z.'s and twenty-nine Grand Representatives were in attendance.

Distinguished visitors included representatives of the General Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapters of Alberta and Manitoba.

Their welcome was most cordial being received with the customary Grand Honors. After a civic welcome from the Mayor of Prince Albert, the Grand Z. delivered his annual address. From his opening remarks we extract the following.—

> "It is one of the great privileges of Freemasonry in this country to be able, at least temporarily, to cast aside the cares and worries of everyday life, and relax in the enjoyment of the company of our Fellows and Companions, and for this privilege, which we too readily take for granted, we should be supremely thankful."

Reference was made to the illness of His Majesty the King, who as a Past Grand Master had personally installed the Duke of Devonshire as Grand Master of the Mother Grand Lodge of England. Visitations are set forth in detail and make interesting reading and are indicative of the great amount of time spent by M. Ex. Comp. Bristowe in this phase of his duty.

Dispensations were not numerous and cover purely routine matters. After listing his appointments, the Grand Z. closes a somewhat brief address with a tribute to the splendid service rendered by the Grand Scribe E. and other members of Grand Chapter.

From the Grand Treasurer we learn that disbursements were somewhat in excess of receipts with a cash position of $2,494.00 and total assets of $6,133.00.

The report of the Grand Scribe E. is fairly comprehensive and provides a clear-cut picture of conditions in Saskatchewan. Eighteen chapters record an increase, six show a loss with one chapter remaining stationary. With a loss of 116 through death and other causes Grand Chapter nevertheless reports a net increase of 116 members. Combined with his report, M. Ex. Comp. Wilson gives a resume of the Conference of Canadian Grand Chapters which he was delegated to attend. We have read with interest the reports of the five District Superintendents. Perhaps no officer of Grand Chapter is as close to the constituent chapters as the Grand Superintendent. As a result we find in the reports of these zealous and painstaking officers, a fair indication of conditions throughout the jurisdiction. The reports this year are well up to the standard and clearly indicate that the Royal Craft in Saskatchewan is moving ahead in line with conditions throughout the Capitular world.

From the report on the Grand Z.'s address, we are constrained

to quote this tribute to the splendid leadership of M. Ex. Comp. Bristowe.—

> "We are pleased to make the observation that by his wholehearted enthusiasm, attractive personality and fine fraternal spirit he has rendered valuable service and made a worthwhile contribution to the welfare of the Royal Craft and we congratulate him upon completion of a year in which Royal Arch Masonry in Saskatchewan has again made substantial progress."

Due to the illness of the Reviewer no published reviews appear in the proceedings, but the committee presented a brief report on Fraternal Correspondence. We are glad to note that next year Saskatchewan plans to continue the published review of Sister Grand Chapters.

From a fitting tribute to the Fraternal Dead, the following attracts our attention.—

> "Space was their coverlet,
> Time was their bed;
> Years were their pillows
> (Not soft, they said).
>
> Life was their slumber,
> Dreams were their breath;
> Then—the surprising thing,
> Waking was death."

H. Stanley Bell was elected and duly installed as Grand Z. Alfred A. Wilson, as to be expected, was re-elected Grand Scribe E. while Moose Jaw was selected as the next place of meeting.

M. Ex. Comp. Lorne Johnson is our representative in Saskatchewan while Alex. Solitt represents Saskatchewan near our Grand Chapter.

SASKATCHEWAN

H. Stanley Bell—Grand Z.

Rlfred A. Wilson—Grand Scribe E.

Chapters—25, Membership—2,504, Gain—81.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Convocation held in Regina, on Monday, May 15th, 1950 was opened in ample form by M. Ex. Comp. H. Stanley Bell who was supported by fifteen Past Grand Z's.

This splendid array of past presiding officers offers a most impressive sight and when presented were cordially greeted by the Grand Z and Companions. Their numbers are in strong contrast

to the very few who remain in our own Grand Chapter after the inroads of the years, as we have only five.

Many distinguished guests were introduced including M. Ex. Comp. Earl E. Dusenberry, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons and also P.G.H.P. of the State of Iowa, Me. Ex. Comp. E. I. Waller, G.Z., Manitoba with Rt. Ex. Comp. W. A. Wybom, G. H. and Mrs. Ex. Comp. J. V. Dillabough, M. Ex. Comp. Dr. Ben. S. Bailey, Rt. Ex. Comp. H. Wilson, and Rt. Ex. Comp. W. M. Boyd, all of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba; our own M. Ex. Comp. C. M. Pitts, G.Z. and Rt. Ex. Comp. Fred J. Johnson our Grand Scribe E., M. Ex. Comp. Harold Bentley, G.Z. of Alberta, with M. Ex. Comp. S. Fred Hand, P.G.Z., Melvin M. Downey, P.G.Z., J. E. Rannard, P.G.Z., H. W. B. Bell, P.G.Z., and Rt. Ex. Comp. A. Peart, G.H., all of the Grand Chapter of Alberta; M Ex. Comp. W. R. Trench, P.G.Z. of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia; Ex. Comp. Jas. A. Peters, Grand Chapter of Montana; M. Ex. Comp. Carl A. Moore, G.H.P. of the Grand Chapter of California; M. Ex. Comp. A. G. Tverberg, G.H.P. of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota. All were warmly welcomed by the G.Z. The list of guests is quoted to indicate the wide spread representation present.

M. Ex. Comp. Bell in a short but comprehensive address welcomed the visitors to Saskatchewan and its Capital City, pointing out that the increased attendance occasioned by the sectional meeting of the General Grand Chapter made it necessary to change from Moose Jaw to Regina for more adequate facilities. Then followed a concise resume of the world outlook, and a tribute to the departed Companions. with a comprehensive record of his travels in the interests of Capitular Masonry outside as well as within his own Jurisdiction which indicated an exceedingly busy and profitable year in which satisfactory progress had been made, although the term had been all too short to see the accomplishment of all his hopes. He recommended consideration of a two-year term.

After expressing thanks for all the support accorded his efforts he closed with:—

"I do not know
Where falls the seed that I have tried to sow
With greatest care
But yet, I hope each seed will grow
And bring forth fruit
Sometime . . . . Somewhere".

Thirty-three Grand Representatives answered the roll call and we note our faithful Representative for Canada, M. Ex. Comp. Lorne Johnson was present.

The reports show a steady advance in membership, eight Chapters out of twenty-five qualifying for the General Grand Chapter's Certificate for a 10% or better increase in membership during the year. The funds showed an net increase of $730.57. A number of revisions to clauses of the Constitution were approved. One dealt with defining the sash as having "the purple diamond on the exposed side."

This report carries an interesting account of the General Grand Chapter Regional Meeting in the Saskatchewan Hotel, Regina, on May 15th, immediately proceeding the Annual Convocation where the subject of "The Advancement and Extension of Royal Arch Masonry" was the theme of the papers and discussions, at the morning and afternoon sessions. Our Grand Z was honoured by the invitation to speak on "Spiritual Values of Capitular Masonry" after the concluding dinner in the evening.

M. Ex. Comp. J. F. Lunney was installed as G.Z. and M. Ex. Comp. Alfred A. Wilson continues as Grand Scribe E.

Rt. Ex. Comp. C. Alex. Sollitt of Peterborough is the Grand Representative of Saskatchewan near our Grand Chapter.

C.M.P.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Hugh N. Layne—Grand High Priest.

O. Frank Hart—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—34, Membership—3655, Gains—252.

The One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Annual Convocation held in Chester April 19, 1950.

Grand Chapter was formally opened by M. Ex. Comp. Layne. Six Past Grand High Priests and twenty-eight Grand Representatives were presented and officially greeted.

Distinguished guests included representatives from the Grand Chapter of Virginia, the Knights Templar, Grand Council and the Potentate of Omar Temple.

The address of M. Ex. Comp. Layne provides some very interesting reading which may be classed as informative and educational. He appears to write with a facility that is altogether entertaining.

From his introductory remarks the following attracts our attention.—

> "Royal Arch Masonry has existed in South Carolina as an organized Grand Chapter since 1812. It has grown in membership in prosperous times; it has become weak and faint under adverse conditions. Yet it has maanged to survive and take a new lease on life, though nearly a century and a half old. Do we not find in this experience that Capitular Masonry possesses something of such great value to its members that so long as freedom endures and so long as the desire for knowledge stirs within the human breast, this Rite shall never be permitted to perish."

After a sympathetic reference to the death of forty-four Companions of the Jurisdiction he spoke hopefully of the future of Royal Arch Masonry in South Carolina, exaltations for the year being greater than any previous year. During the past ten years membership increased from 1425 to 3655, truly a very encouraging report. From the address we learn that M. Ex. Comp. Layne although Grand High Priest is also the presiding High Priest of a constitutent Chapter, which from a Canadian viewpoint is extraordinary to say the least. No doubt the constitution of South Carolina differs from the constitution of our Grand Chapter in this respect. Visitations, dispensations, decisions and appointments are all fully covered by M. Ex. Comp. Layne. We learn with interest of the restoration of Charters to two Chapters that have been inoperative for some time past.

From The Grand High Priest's closing comments we extract the following.—

> "Longfellow has said: "All are architects . . . building on the walls of time." It seems in these troubled and restless days that there are two types of workmen in this land of ours. The builders and the wreckers. One performs constructive labors; the other destructive. We cannot doubt, in the face of the mountain of corroborative evidence, that there are those who are methodically working to destroy our freedom and overthrow our government. Something must be done to thwart these malicious and destructive plans.
>
> "The strongest arm in support of democracy in the secular world today is in the York Rite of Masonry."

Thus closes a very fine address.

The Grand Treasurer reports cash in bank as $6,790.00 with

investments totalling $29,880.00, which appears to this correspondent as a sound fiscal position.

The highlight of the Grand Secretary's report is a net increase in membership of 252.

Henry F. Collins as Fraternal Correspondent presented his review of the Capitular Craft. This, by the way, is Comp. Collins sixteenth annual report, and as usual is well up to the standard he has established. We note his reference to Fraternal Reviews, and regret that we cannot agree with his comments on the subject. We feel that these Fraternal Reviews are the silver cord that binds together the Capitular Craft wheresoever dispersed throughout the Masonic world.

We note that the reviews this year are in abridged form dealing only with the outstanding features of the various Grand Chapters under review. Canada's 1949 Convocation is briefly covered with a reference to our Grand Z.'s address, and a generous extract from our last review for which we tender thanks to our contemporary in South Carolina.

Following the Election of Officers A. J. M. Wannamaker was installed as Grand High Priest, while the veteran O. Frank Hart again assumes the responsibility of Grand Secretary.

Florence was selected as the next place of meeting.

The Order of High Priesthood convened April 19th, 1950.

Apparently Canada's commission in South Carolina is vacant as no appointment has as yet been published. Herbert F. Thomson is South Carolina's representative near our Grand Chapter.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Herbert F. Stevens—Acting Grand High Priest.

Elvin F. Strain—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—33, Membership—3488, Gain—237.

The Sixtieth Annual Convocation held in Mitchell October 25, 1949 with R. Ex. Comp. Stevens, Grand King, presiding.

It is with profound regret that we learn that Grand High Priest Byron S. Payne died suddenly May 30, 1949. The late Com-

panion was an ardent Mason active in practically all branches of the Craft, a member of the legal profession and a well beloved and respected citizen of Pierre. His untimely demise removed from the orbit of Masonry a brilliant Craftsman and we in Canada tender our sincere sympathy to our friends in South Dakota in their sad loss. We quote the last lines from a tribute to his memory.—

> "His great life will long be remembered. The Companions of South Dakota will miss his loyal service, his advice and his wonderful friendship."
>
> "In peace that only Thou cans't give
> With Thee, O Master, let me live."

R. Ex. Comp. Stevens opened Grand Chapter, followed with prayer by the Acting Grand Chaplain and the presentation of the United States colors. Thirteen Past Grand High Priests and fifteen Grand Representatives were in attendance. Visitors were legion hailing from the Grand Chapters of Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Iowa and North Dakota. General Grand Chapter was also well represented. The Grand Commander, Knights Templar and the M. Wor. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota graced the meeting by their presence. Needless to say all were warmly welcomed and escorted to the East. After an address of welcome from the local chapter Roscoe R. Walcutt, General Grand Secretary, was received into Honorary Membership.

R. Ex. Comp. Stevens presented an address covering the official acts of M. Ex. Comp. Payne and handled a very difficult assignment in a graceful manner. We quote from his opening remarks with reference to the late Grand High Priest.

"To me, he is beside me now and in taking this position as I am today, I want you all to know that this is his meeting and I am only doing to the best of my knowledge and ability and in a very humble way, the things he would desire to have done."

Visitations are fully set forth, dispensations also are given complete coverage. These latter deal with purely administrative matters. Reference was made by Comp. Stevens to the effect, that Grand Chapter was organized in Mitchell sixty years ago. After an impressive reference to the Fraternal Dead, he spoke hopefully of conditions in South Dakota. He stressed the fact the prevailing sentiment was more light and urged that the esoteric work be kept on a high plane.

The Grand King closed an admirable address with these lines.—

> "Lord, my heart is not haughty,
> Nor mine eyes lofty,
> Neither do I exercise myself in great
> matters, or in things too high for me."

From the Grand Treasurer we learn that finances are sound with receipts in excess of expenditures and investments totalling $5,000.00.

The Grand Secretary's report is quite comprehensive and decidedly interesting. Thirteen chapters reporting a 10 per cent or better gain in membership with a net gain throughout the jurisdiction of 237.

From a very beautiful report on Necrology we quote.—

> "Masonry is an institution made up of men. Let us challenge ourselves to be men in the high sense of the word. Our minds, our convictions are being infringed upon. Good men are surrendering to the constant pressure of a never surrendering and ever cruel materialism. Holy things once held sacred are too often crowded into second place. Moral perception is dulled to the point of surrender. Let us rediscover the true values of life."

> "Where are the draperies fresh or frayed
> The plumes, the armours, friend and foe?
> The cloth of gold, the rich brocade.
> The mantles glittering to and fro,
> The pomp, the pride, the royal show,
> The cries of war and festival,
> The youth, the grace, the charm, the glow,
> Into the night go one and all."

Robert S. Hart, P.G.H.P. presented the Capitular Review and while retiring as Reviewer last year was induced to carry on for another year. We give you his opening remarks.—

> "One year ago I sang my swan-song as Reviewer. A little later, our Grand High Priest Payne rather urgently requested me to hold the place another year. While I considered and debated the matter with myself, the list of Committees was printed. Unlike Abu Ben Adhem, my name did not lead all the rest, but it was on the list, same old job. So, like the 'Divine Sarah,' I'm here again for another 'farewell tour'."

The review follows and is intensely interesting well up to the M. Ex. Companion's established standard. While he does not review in detail the proceedings of all Grand Chapters, he extracts a few highlights here and there that are quite informative. He closes with the following.—

"This may seem a strange REVIEW, but review it is, being derived largely from a study of the doings of other Grand Chapters. My purpose, as always heretofore, has been to advance and advantage our own Grand Chapter; otherwise I am a dead twig on the tree.

"And now, another farewell to this delightful, but somewhat onerous task. May my successor find as much of pleasure in it as I have."

We shall be sorry to lose Comp. Hart from our circle of correspondents, but apparently he has finally decided to retire. His writings as a correspondent will stand for a long time as a tribute to a brilliant and expert Masonic Craftsman.

Herbert F. Stevens, as to be expected, was elected and installed as Grand High Priest. The office of Grand Secretary continues the responsibility of Elvin F. Strain. Pierre was selected as the next place of meeting.

The Order of High Priesthood convened October 24, 1949.

Charles L. Clampitt carries Canada's commission in Canada, while D. C. Patmore plays a similar role for South Dakota near our Grand Chapter.

TENNESSEE

Granville V. Elmore—Grand High Priest.

T. E. Doss—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—72, Membership—11,738, Gain—793.

M. Ex. Comp. Elmore opened Grand Chapter in Ample Form after which the Devotional and Patriotic exercises were observed. The Grand High Priest had the support of nineteen of his Past Grand High Priests. Forty-seven Jurisdictions were present in the persons of their Grand Representatives, Canada as usual being well represented by R. K. Roney, Sr.

Escorted to the East and fittingly honored were delegations from the Grand Chapters of Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina and Pennsylvania. Also present and formally welcomed were the rulers of Grand Council, Grand Commandery and the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

The address of M. Ex. Comp. Elmore was at once interesting, educational and sufficiently comprehensive to provide the reader with a complete pen picture of the year's work.

After a most friendly reception to all present and a brief but impressive reference to the Fraternal Dead, M. Ex. Comp. Elmore gave a graphic account of his many visitations, both within and beyond his own jurisdiction. Following a list of appointments he spoke of one chapter having received its charter and announced the issue of dispensations for the formation of three new chapters. (This surely indicates a healthy condition.) Dispensations were few in number and all dealt with purely administrative matters. Among his recommendations is one to set up a retirement plan for salaried employees of Grand Chapter. This is a worthy objective but something entirely new to this correspondent. It is noted that no action was taken on this recommendation, but the matter was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence for a report at the next Grand Convocation. The Grand High Priest brought a very fine address to a conclusion by paying well deserved tribute to the assistance rendered by the Grand Secretary, the Past Grand High Priests and officers of Grand Chapter.

Finances appear sound according to the Grand Treasurer's report with receipts of $17,808.00, disbursements of $14,453.00, a cash balance on hand of $21,664.00 and investments approximating $30,000.00.

From the report of the Grand Secretary we learn that twenty-seven chapters recorded an increase in membership of 10 per cent or better, while Grand Chapter as a whole advanced in membership to the extent of 793. This appears to this writer as a splendid record of achievement.

We are most interested in the plan adopted by Grand Chapter to keep foremost in the minds of the companions, the great work accomplished by Past Grand High Priests. Each year biographical sketches of a group of these past rulers appear in the proceedings. This means that the names of these Past Grand High Priests are not consigned to the limbo of forgotten men.

The report on Correspondence was again the product of the pen of J. J. Walker, P.G.H.P. and is well up to his established lofty standard. From an inspiring Foreword we quote his opening words and his concluding paragraphs.—

> "Companions: The noiseless feet of time have paced another year and the activities of Capitular Masonry have been recorded into history.
> The Chinese are turning to Masonry as a cure for Communism and the Royal Craft is being revived in Germany.

We gratefully acknowledge the favorable comments given the work we have presented in Tennessee by the Knights of the Round Table, and are gratified that our Grand Secretary, M. E. Comp. "Teddy" Doss, is so highly complimented as an "exponent of the Royal Craft."

Congratulations to our opposite number in Tennessee are due for a splendid Foreword and Review. We forgive him for his omission of Canada and assume that we are not included through failure on our part to furnish in time our last proceedings. We have, however, enjoyed his reviews and shall look forward to next year when we trust that Canada will find its usual place among those jurisdictions under review.

Following the election of officers E. B. Blankenbecler was installed as Grand High Priest. T. E. Doss continues in the office of Grand Secretary, a position he graces so efficiently.

Charles Fotheringham is privileged to represent Tennessee in Canada, while as already noted, we are most capably represented in Tennessee by R. K. Roney, Sr., whose election to the office of Grand King is noted with much pleasure.

TEXAS

The One Hundredth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas was opened in due and ample form by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest C. S. Woodward, on the 5th day of December, 1949, in the City of Waco. One of the first items in the proceedings was the presentation again of Companion John J. Lay, the oldest Mason in Texas if not the oldest Mason in the World, who had reached the great age of 104 years.

The Invocation by the Grand Chaplain, "we thank Thee for those who have worked in the quarries during the past century and brought up good and square work, just such work as should be put into the building of the Temple, and because of that good work we today have an institution whereof we are glad," undoubtedly created the proper setting for this Grand Convocation.

Thirteen Past Grand High Priests were present. Any Grand High Priest is fortunate to have such a wealth of experience and ability at his command.

In the address of Grand High Priest Woodward we note the granting of warrants for new Chapters, and read with pleasure

his visits to Chapters and other Masonic gatherings. He speaks with glowing pride of their greatest activity "Home for Aged Masons." His pride is justified, the name of Woodward has been for many years closely connected with this truly Masonic project. The Manager of this Home is none other than the Grand High Priest. We regret that space will not permit us to report more fully. It would appear that an amount of over $820,000.00 has been contributed by Grand Chapter, and each Companion contributes one dollar annually.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows a net increase of approximately two thousand, with a total membership of over forty thousand. The Grand Treasurer's report gives a sound financial condition.

It is not surprising that the Grand Orator, Comp. V. R. Woodward, a brother of the Grand High Priest, should stress the work of this Home for Aged Masons. "I firmly believe that a kindly Divine Providence still works through men and Masons whom God can depend on. I actually believe that our Capitular Masonry was co-existent with Symbolic Masonry. I believe that Capitular Masonry has been co-existent with the human race and co-extensive with civilization and the spread of Christianity. I am convinced, however, that we shall never have in reality the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man until all men everywhere shall have the true Light and Word, and the source of my authority for making this statement is found in that blessed Book which graces every true Masonic Altar." His closing paragraph, "may we carry the precious seed of Faith and Hope for the Eternal Day where we shall see again those stalwart Masons who builded well our Home." finds an echo. Would that these words were implanted in every heart!

> An apt description of their Home; "The beautiful flowers that are there that God has given them! The beautiful shrubbery, and the shades and the home of Comfort, a place of peace and a place where God's name is revered and honoured, and where men meet to pray, and with the elderly people to sing, and where thy Servants have preached the Gospital through these years."

The review of Canada by R. L. Joiner, Chairman of Fraternal Correspondence is most complimentary. The hand of M. E. Comp. Gardiner has been halted and will write no more these informative reviews, and those who attempt to carry on appreciate with you

the tremendous effort made by our late Companion. We are touched and thank you for your reference.

With the closing words of the Grand Chaplain "we pray Thee to consecrate us in every phase of our lives, that we may always strive to do the thing that is well pleasing in Thy sight," this Grand Convocation concluded its reporting of active Masonic efforts.

The Deputy Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Herbert Wheeler, was elected Grand High Priest, the Secretary Frank Oldham re-elected, and Waco is to be again the place of meeting.

Our Grand Representative near Grand Chapter of Texas, Comp. Temple Morrow, was not present, and William E. Gowling of Ottawa, a true Mason, represents Texas near our Grand Chapter.

J.M.B.

VICTORIA

Walter Kemp—Grand Z.

H. O. Thomas—Grand Scribe E.

Chapters—96, Membership—8040, Gain—525.

Quarterly Convocation July 21, 1948 held in Melbourne with M. Ex. Comp. Kemp in the chair.

After opening Grand Chapter in Ample, Antient and Solemn Form and the singing of the National Anthem, representaives of eighteen Sister Jurisdictions were formally received and welcomed.

M. Ex. Comp. Kemp's address was brief in the extreme. He referred to Royal Arch Masonry being on the up-grade, with increased interest and a vast improvement in the Work. He, also, paid tribute to the Grand Chapter Choir for the excellence of its rendition of the musical ceremonies. Feeling reference was made to the many distinguished Royal Craftsmen whose deaths had been recorded since the last Convocation. Dispensations granted were few in number and included one to permit the formation of a new chapter at Bacchus Marsh. After receiving quarterly reports Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form.

Quarterly held October 20, 1948. From the address of the Grand Z. the following is noted.—

"It becomes increasingly important that the qualifications of each candidate for exaltation should be carefully scrutinised, and it is incumbent upon proposers, seconders and the scribes of constituent Chapters to make quite sure that the credentials of proposed exaltees shall be in perfect order, and in particular that no candidate under a ban of exclusion from any Lodge or other Chapter shall be admitted to our ranks."

After referring to the Fraternal Dead, calling the roll of Grand Representatives and receiving financial and other reports, Grand Chapter officially welcomed M. Ex. Comp. Dr. J. L. Rossiter, First Grand Principal of Western Australia.

Quarterly held January 19, 1949. After the ceremonial opening of Grand Chapter M. Ex. Comp. Kemp addressed the Companions and from his remarks we extract the following.—

"In the troublous times through which this and other countries are now passing it is indeed comforting to find that in our Chapter meetings it is still possible to find a body of men of independent thoughts who are still capable of appreciating the viewpoint of their companions even when not exactly in accord with their own."

At this Convocation nominations for ensuing year were received. It is noted that G. C. Kingscott was unanimously the choice of the Companions for Grand Z. and was declared duly elected. After receiving the usual reports Grand Chapter was formally closed.

Quarterly held April 20, 1949 with M. Ex. Comp. Walter Kemp presiding. Thirty-five Grand Representatives were extended a welcome. R. Ex. Comp. Allan Grant responded for Canada. Apologies were received for non-attendance and Grand Rank was conferred on a number of Companions for meritorious service to Royal Arch Masonry.

It is interesting to note from the Financial Statement presented that the assets of Grand Chapter approximate $35,000.00.

The installation and investiture of the elected and appointed officers followed. M. Ex. Comp. Kingscott was placed on the Throne with due regard for the Antient customs. From his recorded address we quote.—

"The Most Eminent, in his address, said he felt that the most important part of his recent obligations as First Grand Principal was the prayer with which it concluded. The prayer to the M.H. for help to enable him to fulfill his promises. It was a great ideal, and he trusted all Companions would join him in that prayer, because, if any good was to be done, they must have Divine help, and if we are to advance this spiritual fellowship, we must all regard ourselves as instruments of the M.H."

Grand Chapter closed in Ample, Antient and Solemn Form.

Victoria is represented in Canada by S. G. Newdick while as already mentioned Allan Grant carries Canada's commission near the Grand Chapter of Victoria.

VICTORIA

G. C. Kingscott—Grand Z.

H. O. Thomas—Grand Scribe E.

Chapters—95, Membership—8,489, Gain—408.

The report of the 61st Annual Convocation and Proceedings of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Victoria for the year ending April 1950 has come into our hands and the Grand Scribe Ezra, Most Em. Comp. H. O. Thomas, P.G.H. is to be congratulated on the splendid presentation of the year's work in Capitular Masonry in Victoria. The work of the Supreme Grand Chapter is done in quarterly Convocations, the first held in Freemasons Hall, Melbourne on July 20th, 1949, the second on October 19th, 1949, the third on January 18th, 1950, and the final quarterly Convocation on the 19th of April 1950. In each case, M. Em. Comp. G. C. Kingscott, the Grand Zerubbabel opened the Grand Chapter in ample, antient and solemn form. We are delighted to note that Rt. Em. Comp. Allan Grant, P.G.H. our Grand Representative in Victoria has answered the roll call for our Grand Chapter at each of these quarterly meetings.

In each quarterly communication, after the confirmation of the minutes of the preceding Convocation, the M. Em. First Grand Principal delivered a short but comprehensive account of the preceding quarter's activities and visits, paying tribute to the memories of those who have passed to the Grand Chapter Beyond; then reviewing the progress of Capitular Masonry in the whole Jurisdiction. A most interesting feature of these meetings is the short address or lecturette of approximately ten minutes, dealing with some aspect of Capitular Masonry, History or Tradition and symbolism. These talks, which were recorded in full, make the reading of the proceedings most entertaining and instructive and remind us of how similar our teachings and aspirations are, though separated geographically by many miles.

There is no doubt but that this Grand Chapter is making good progress, both as to candidates and as to their financial structure.

The Proceedings record fully, all communications received from Sister Jurisdictions, but they include no attempt to review the Proceedings of any of these other Grand Chapters. M. Em. Comp. G. C. Kingscott was re-elected the First Grand Principal for the ensuring year. We note with regret that the Grand Scribe E had been laid aside through illness, and we join with his fellow Companions in wishing him a complete and speedy recovery.

Very Ex. Comp. S. G. Newdick of Toronto, represents Victoria near our Grand Chapter.

C.M.P.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Dr. J. L. Rossiter—First Grand Principal.

A. W. B. Gleadell—Deputy First Grand Principal.

H. C. Anderson—Grand Scribe E.

In the review of Western Australia in our Proceedings of last year, mention was made of the fact that the First Grand Principal, M. Em. Companion Dr. J. L. Rossiter, had paid a visit to Canada, and had met M. Ex. Comp. C. M. Pitts, as well as the Grand Second and Third Principals.

He was taken ill on board ship to England, but after a short period of recuperation there he determined to proceed to Western Australia. However, he became worse and arrived home seriously ill; being ordered to take a six months' vacation for treatment and recuperation. We are pleased indeed to report that he has now almost completely recovered, and is once more active in Capitular Masonry in his Jurisdiction.

During his illness he was once more chosen to head the Grand Chapter in Western Australia, surely an unquestionable proof of the estimation in which he is held by his Companions.

The membership of Royal Arch Masons in Western Australia continues to increase, and petitions are continually being received for the formation of new Chapters, no less than five having been dealt with during the year. As the area of Western Australia is 975,920 square miles as compared with 407,262 square miles for Ontario, it can readily be understood that the matter of visitation

is no light one "Down Under." But "the spirit is willing" and ways are always found to keep in touch, regardless of distance.

On his return to Perth, Dr. Rossiter had many interesting comments to make on the visit to England and Canada, with particular reference to the differences in matters Masonic. The democratic elections of officers by the rank and file, and the lack of "Official Dignity" aside from that due the office, particularly appealed to him. Dr. Rossiter, however, thought our Masonic Bodies were too large, so that there is not the Companionship to be found in the smaller Bodies. Usually a membership of fifty is considered sufficient, and rarely does it reach the hundred mark.

As reported previously, in Western Australia the Cryptic Degrees are conferred by Grand Chapter, but the higher Degrees are only conferred on Past Principals of Constituent Chapters. At a ceremony held on October 30th, 1950, there were 62 Installed Principals who received these beautiful Degrees at the hands of the First Grand Principal.

The Grand Chapter of Canada is represented in Western Australia by R. Em. Comp. W. H. Berry, who is now enjoying a well-earned holiday in England. The Grand Representative of Western Australia near the Grand Chapter of Canada is R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Shaw.

WISCONSIN

William W. Burns—Grand High Priest.

Ward A. Rowbottom—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—101, Membership—18,161, Gain—333.

The Ninety-ninth Annual Convocation held in Oshkosh, May 3, 1949 with M. Ex. Comp. Burns presiding.

After music by the Grand Organist, Grand Chapter was opened and distinguished guests received. These included leaders of Masonry from Illinois, South Dakota, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota and Colorado. Associate bodies represented Royal and Select Masters, Knights Templar and the Grand Lodge.

Fourteen Past Grand High Priests and thirty Grand Representatives were officially greeted.

The address or report as it is called of the Grand High Priest provides interesting reading covering as it does all phases of the year's work.

M. Ex. Comp. Burns' introductory remarks include a warm welcome to all present following which he spoke feelingly of the loss of 363 companions, who having completed their earthly cycle entered into rest during the year.

Many appointments are listed and it is with more than passing interest, we note that the commission of Grand Representative near our Grand Chapter was issued to James W. Woodland. May we say that Wisconsin's interests will be well protected by the one and only Jimmy Woodland. The Grand High Priest enumerates his many visitations and it would appear that he gave generously of his time and talent in discharging this important duty.

Dispensations sought were many and varied and with few exceptions were granted. One declined was for the purpose of conferring the Mark Degree in an out-door arena. This appeals to this correspondent as something most unusual, certainly unheard of in our jurisdiction. From a comment on the Condition of the Craft we excerpt the following.—

> "Have we become stagnant for the want of proper working tools or leadership? Are we inclined to be complacent in the thought of having reached our saturation point? Whatever your answers may be, take an inventory of your 'stock in trade'; set your house in order and resolve to become a going concern in the greatest Fraternal Organization in the world."

The address concludes with an expressed hope for the success of the incoming officers of Grand Chapter.

The financial status of Grand Chapter as indicated in the report of the Grand Trustees appears exceedingly healthy from an outsider's viewpoint. The cash balance appears as $15,655.00 with investments of $18,900.00.

The report of the Grand Secretary records a net increase in membership of 333. It is interesting to note that the combined assets of chapters and Grand Chapter total over a quarter of a million.

From an eloquent report on Obituaries the following is extracted.—

"They have placed their mark upon the things earthly and received their just reward. They have travelled to that 'undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveller returns.' In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die: and their departure is taken for misery, and their going from us to be utter destruction: but they are in peace."

A committee making a study of landmarks defined the ancient landmarks of Masonry as follows.—

"Thus we find that Ancient Landmarks are 'those Masonic usages, customs or laws which are considered fundamental principles of Freemasonry,' and 'essentials which cannot be modified or amended without changing the character of the Fraternity' and must 'command universal observance by all Masons'."

While no doubt there may be a wide difference of opinion in this regard, this correspondent is inclined to accept the committee's definition as sound and reasonable.

The question of establishing a charitable foundation resulted in a recommendation from a special committee that the matter be indefinitely postponed.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Ward A. Rowbottom P.G.H.P. We find ourselves woefully short of superlatives to properly express our appreciation of his Foreword. It is a gem brimful of lofty thoughts and ideals. We quote a few lines.—

"Personally, we feel that we should not hide our Masonic Light under a bushel, but should go abroad in our land preaching, teaching and demonstrating our Masonic ideals, principles and values that mankind in general, regardless of whatever faith or creed they may possess, should be made to realize that a Mason, primarily, is an upright citizen, true to his Country and his God, and that Masonic teachings urge the practice of the Golden Rule in our daily living and that those of us who are true Masons, do believe that Masonry is a WAY OF LIFE."

"God give us the necessary strength of purpose to carry the Torch of Masonic Ideals high enough for all to see and always at the head of all worthwhile undertakings. For, by so doing, we would be BUILDERS FOR GOOD which is our ultimate mission."

Turning to the review of Canada we find an extremely brief reference to our 1948 Convocation. M. Ex. Comp. Rowbottom states that the address of our Grand Z. is well worth study. He also refers to the valuable suggestions contained in the Report on Condition of Capitular Masonry.

It has been a real pleasure to review Wisconsin and we tender thanks to Comp. Rowbottom for his review of our jurisdiction.

Wisconsin's representative near our Grand Chapter is the newly appointed James W. Woodland, while Canada's representative in Wisconsin is the ever-faithful Oscar E. Peterson.

WISCONSIN

Blaine D. Carlton—Grand High Priest.

W. A. Rowbottom—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—101, Membership—18,418, Gain—257

The One Hundredth Annual Convocation held in the City of Milwaukee, May First and Second 1950, with M. Ex. Comp. Blaine D. Carlton presiding.

The Grand High Priest extended a warm welcome to some twenty distinguished guests, including Roscoe R. Walcutt, P.G.H.P. of Ohio, General Grand Secretary and personal representative of Earl E. Dusenbury, General Grand High Priest; also R. Ex. Comp. Jas. W. Woodland, Grand representative from this Grand body.

The Color Guard which presented the United States Colors proves that co-operation is really working in the York Rite Bodies of Wisconsin, as the Standard Bearer was the Grand Master of Masons of Wisconsin, A. W. Elmgreen, and the Guard of Honor consisted of Irving L. Heller, Grand Commander, and Oscar L. Anderson, Most Illustrious Grand Master. The Colors were presented, placed in their station and all gave the pledge of allegiance.

The report of the Grand High Priest is very beautifully set up and shows the great amount of time, talent and energy put into it.

There are two paragraphs in his report which are specially interesting as follows:—

> "Companions, we are not the largest Grand Chapter in existence, either in the number of Constituent Chapters or Companions, but I sincerely believe, and I say it with all due respect to our good Companions from our Sister Grand Chapters who are our guests today, that we are one of the best. According to the latest available statistics we, with 30.3 per cent, are second only to Rhode Island in the percentage of Master Masons in our Jurisdiction who are also Royal Arch Masons.
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> "I am particularly proud of this record because we have attained it without having had to resort to the conferring of the Royal Arch Mason degree on large classes of candidates. We have always held, and I hope that we always shall hold, to the principle that this degree cannot be conferred upon more than three candidates at one and the same time. We have always

believed that every candidate for this Most Sublime Degree of Ancient Craft Masonry is entitled to be an active participant in every part of this degree as it is conferred upon him, and every Companion who has become a Royal Arch Mason in a Wisconsin Chapter has had the degree conferred upon him personally."

The Grand High Priest expresses his deep feelings for the loss of 396 of his loved Companions, including many of the faithful workers. He gives a few lines of the Memorial Service.

"Dead? No, not dead! In our Mystic Brotherhood we live forever.
"Our union is eternal. We know that the soul is immortal. That which men call death is but the liberation of the Divine Essence, which, for a brief time, is imprisoned within these earthly bodies—the transition of the human soul into a fuller, freer life."

"So long as we believe in such a philosophy, our mourning at the death of a beloved Companion cannot be because he has passed from this life to what we know to be a better one, but for ourselves in that our earthly association which him has ended."

The Grand High Priest speaks very complimentary of the work of all Grand Chapter Officers during the year, which has made his year both pleasant and successful.

CENTENNIAL YEAR

1950 marked the One Hundredth Anniversary of this Grand Chapter. It is very noteworthy to mention their growth. In 1900, the semi-Centennial year their membership was 6,145, as compared with 18,418 in 1950.

A very good friend of this Grand Body Oscar E. Peterson carries Wisconsin Commission, while the Commission for Wisconsin in Canada is carried by Jas. W. Woodland of Toronto.

J.A.M.T.

WYOMING

Howard D. Peverley—Grand High Priest.

Forest G. Wheeler—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—20, Membership—2501, Gain—120.

The Forty-first Annual Convocation was held in Cheyenne September 13, 1949 with M. Ex. Comp. Peverley presiding.

After the opening ceremonies and prayer by the Grand Chaplain visitors were introduced and fraternally welcomed. These included delegations from Nebraska and Iowa, the Grand Com-

mander, Knights Templar and M. Ex. Comp. Earl E. Dusenbery, General Grand High Priest, with an escort of General Grand Chapter officers.

Sixteen Past Rulers of Wyoming and twenty-five Grand Representatives were also presented and formally greeted.

The address of M. Ex. Comp. Peverley attracts our attention. It covers much territory in a limited page space and is well worthwhile.

After a most friendly welcome to the visitors and delegates M. Ex. Comp. Peverley gives full coverage to his many visitations. Under Necrology he speaks sadly of the numerous deaths during the year, and closes this section with the following verse.—

"There must be something after death;
Behind the toil of man,
There must exist a God Divine
Who's working out a plan;
And this brief journey that we know
As life, must really be
The gateway to a finer world
That someday we shall see."

Appointments, installations and a reference to the constituting of a new chapter follow. The address closes with a very fine tribute to the Grand Secretary and other Officers for the assistance rendered during the Grand High Priest's tenure of office.

The Grand Treasurer's report indicates a cash balance of $5,254.00 with investments totalling $10,000.00 in United States Bonds.

We are particularly interested in the Grand Secretary's report. He states that a gain in membership of 120 is recorded. This is remarkable in that Wyoming has suffered almost continual losses for the past fifteen years. He refers to the fertile field for membership in the Craft Lodges, whose membership is 10,767, and of this number but 23 per cent are Royal Arch Masons.

From a beautiful report on Necrology we extract the following well known and well beloved poem.—

"Here was a friend whose heart was good,
Who walked with men and understood.
His was a voice that spoke to cheer,
And fell like music on the ear;
His was a smile that men loved to see;

His was a hand that asked no fee
For friendliness or kindness done.
And now that he has journeyed on,
His is a fame that never ends;
He leaves behind uncounted friends."

We find no report on Correspondence, but hope that the day may not be too far distant when Wyoming will take its place among the chapters who today are making the Fraternal Review a feature of their proceedings.

Elected as Grand High Priest William E. Searle was installed into office, while Forest G. Wheeler was re-elected and invested as Grand Secretary, Lander was selected as the next place of meeting.

The Order of High Priesthood convened December 1, 1948.

Robert Clark is Wyoming's representative in Canada, while the commission of Canada in Wyoming is vacant at the present time.

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